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Request for Proposal Document Selection of Consultants National Competitive Bidding



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Important Notice

This Request for Proposal document ('RFP Document') is provided to the Bidders – individual firms or consortia as the case may be – solely for use in preparing and submitting their Bids in connection with the Bidding Process relating to the feasibility study and transaction advisory services for rehabilitation and development of water distribution system in Sukkur under public-private partnership mode ('Assignment'). This RFP Document is being issued by the Sukkur Municipal Corporation ('Procuring Agency'), solely for use by the Bidders in considering the Assignment in accordance with the Sindh Public Procurement Rules, 2010 ('SPP Rules').

Unless expressly specified otherwise, all capitalized terms used herein shall bear meaning ascribed thereto in the RFP Document.

For this Assignment, the RFP Document was prepared by the Procuring Agency, and then reviewed and approved by the Procuring Agency consultant selection committee constituted in accordance with SPP Rules. Neither any of these entities, nor their employees, personnel, agents, make any representation (expressed or implied) or warranties as to the accuracy or completeness of information contained herein, or in any other document made available to a Person in connection with the Assignment's Bidding Process and the same shall have no liability for this RFP Document or for any other written or oral communication transmitted to the recipient in the course of the recipient's evaluation of Bids. Neither any of these entities, nor their employees, personnel, agents, consultants, advisors, and contractors etc. will be liable to reimburse or compensate the recipient for any costs, fees, damages, or expenses incurred by the recipient in evaluating or acting upon this RFP Document or otherwise in connection with Assignment as contemplated herein.

The Proposals or Bids submitted in response to the RFP Document by any of the Bidders shall be upon the full understanding and agreement of all terms & conditions of the RFP Document and such submission shall be deemed as an acceptance to all the terms and conditions stated in the RFP Document. Any Bid submitted by a Bidder in response to the RFP Document shall be construed based on the understanding that the Bidder has done a complete and careful examination of the RFP Document, including its clarification and/ or addenda and/ or corrigenda if any issued by the Procuring Agency, and has independently verified all information received (whether written and verbal) from Procuring Agency (including from its employees, personnel, agents, consultants, advisors and contractors etc.).

This RFP Document does not constitute a solicitation for transaction advisory services, or otherwise participate in the Assignment, nor shall it constitute a guarantee or commitment of any manner on the part of the Procuring Agency that the Assignment's Contract will be awarded. The Procuring Agency reserves its right, in its full discretion, to modify the RFP Document and/ or the Assignment and/ or cancel the Bidding Process at any time to the fullest extent permitted by the SPP Rules and shall not be liable to reimburse or compensate the recipient for any costs, taxes, expenses or damages incurred by the recipient in such an event.

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Section I – Letter of Invitation

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Sukkur, dated the 24th November 2023

Sukkur Municipal Corporation ('**Procuring Agency**') has received an unsolicited proposal ('**USP**') from a private entity seeking to design, finance, build, operate, maintain, and transfer a water distribution system project under public private partnership mode in terms of Rule 15(A) of the SPP Rules. The USP, inter alia, comprises of feasibility for rehabilitation of existing water treatment plant (7.5 MGD), construction of three (3) new water treatment plants (42 MGD), filtration beds (3 MGD), overhead tanks, restoration of roads and pavers and establish water supply distribution network at Sukkur ('**Project**').

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meaning given to them in the RFP Document.

The Procuring Agency, to ascertain the Project's viability following the SPP Rules, appointed a Technical Committee, which recommended engaging a Consultants to assist them throughout completing the due diligence process, i.e., initially conducting the legal assessment, and if found viable, then undertaking financial and technical assessment considering all the associated factors laid down under the SPP Act, 2009, Sindh PPP Act, 2010, including rules, regulations, guidelines, framed thereunder.

The Procuring Agency now invites the sealed Bids from the Eligible Bidders (individual firms or their Consortia, as the case may be) for conducting a feasibility study and providing transaction advisory services to undertake the Project under a public-private partnership or any other suitable modality considering the Project's sustainability, viability, and value for money analysis in accordance with SPP Rules ('Assignment').

The consulting **scope of services** concerning the Project under this Assignment includes, but is not limited to the:

- Ascertain Project's viability on a standalone basis and through examining the USP with various studies conducted and its results mentioned/ claimed thereof;
- Review the legal, institutional, and regulatory frameworks and identify potential bottlenecks with possible solutions;
- Check the Project's proposed infrastructure and technical requirements;
- Develop, evaluate, and prioritize various options with SWOT, CBA, VFM, NPV (economic and financial), risk analysis for each option to achieve sustainable objectives and provide a clear-cut way forward to the Government concerning the planning, institutional arrangement, transaction structure, financial viability, and socioeconomic & environmental viability of the proposed development;
- Analyze PPP options with various structuring and risk allocation matrix;
- Prepare and deliver presentations and reports on the Projects-related documents before the PPP Policy Board and any other forum for seeking necessary approvals required under SPP Act, 2009, and Sindh PPP Act, 2010;
- Prepare bidding documents for solicitation of bids from a private party under the preferred PPP or any other suitable modality;

 Perform the tasks identified and described in RFP Document and proposed by the successful Bidder in Technical Proposal while collaborating closely with Project's key stakeholders, mainly the Procuring Agency, at all stages of Project's development.

The Bidding Procedure will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding using the Quality and Cost Based Selection method as prescribed under Rules 15(2)(b) & 72(3) of SPP Rules and is open to all Eligible Bidders. The Contract will be awarded to a Bidder whose Bid found as the Most Advantageous Bid, i.e., a Bid attaining the highest combined weighted technical and financial score following the criteria set out in the RFP Document, subject to the Competent Authority's approval.

The prospective Bidders may seek further information by obtaining the RFP Document free of cost with effect from 30th November 2023 to 10th January 2024, either **(a)** physically, by submitting a written application during office hours at the address given below or **(b)** electronically, by downloading from the websites of the Procuring Agency https://smc.gos.pk/ or PPP Unit https://www.pppunitsindh.gov.pk/ or SPPRA https://ppms.pprasindh.gov.pk/PPMS/ or by sending email request addressed to ppp.fsta@gmail.com.

The prospective Bidders are required to submit Bids comprising one (1) original Technical Proposal, one (1) original Financial Proposal, and one (1) soft copy of the Technical Proposal (USB/ DVD) containing all the supporting documents, as applicable and identified in the RFP Document, no later than 16:30 Hrs. PST on 11th January 2024 (**'Bids Submission Deadline'**) at submission address given below.

Any Bid received late due to any reason will be rejected. The Bids (Technical Proposals only) will be opened publicly in the presence of the Bidders' representatives, who may wish to attend on the Bids Submission Deadline at 16:45 Hrs. (PST) at the office address given below. However, in case of a public holiday announced by Government or due to any unavoidable circumstances on Bids Submission Deadline, the Bids will be received and opened on next Business Day at the same time/ venue.

The Bids submitted must remain valid for a period of ninety (90) Days effective from the Bids Submission Deadline and must be accompanied by a bid security equivalent to 2% of the total quoted bid in shape of a pay order/ demand draft/ bank guarantee, valid for a period of twenty-eight (28) Days beyond bid validity period, issued by scheduled bank of Pakistan in favor of 'Sukkur Municipal Corporation'.

The Procuring Agency reserves the right to reject any or all Bids subject to the relevant provisions of the SPP Rules and may cancel the Bidding Process at any time prior to the acceptance of a Bid in terms of Rule 25 of the SPP Rules.

The address referred to above for the issuance of the RFP Document is:

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Section II – Instructions to Consultants

1. Definitions

- 1.1 The following words and expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them:
 - (a) "Authority" means the Sindh Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (SPPRA).
 - (b) "Assignment" means procurement of services ascribed thereto in the RFP (Section I – Letter of Invitation and Section II – Bid Data Sheet of the RFP Document).
 - (c) "Best Evaluated Bid" means in case of Public Private Partnership Projects, a bid, which attains the highest score under criteria laid down in Rule 84 of the SPP Rules, read with the respective bidding documents.
 - (d) "Bid" means a tender or an offer including Technical and Financial Proposals, each submitted in a separate and sealed envelopes in accordance with the RFP Document, by a Person expressing willingness to undertake the Assignment at a price in response to the Assignment's RFP issued by the Procuring Agency in accordance with the SPP Rules.
 - (e) "Bidder" or "Consultant" means a Person or Consortium or /entity; (i) submitting a bid; or (ii) who intends to submit a bid and can substantially prove such intention.
 - (f) "Standard Bidding Documents" means the documents notified by the Authority for the preparation of Bids in uniform manner.
 - (g) "Bid Price" means the consultancy fee for providing services under this Assignment as quoted by the Bidder in its Financial Bid.
 - (h) "Bidding Procedure" or "Bidding Process" means the procurement procedure under which the Bids are invited, received, opened, examined, and evaluated by the Procuring Agency for the purpose of Contract award.
 - (i) "Board" means the Public-Private Partnership Board established under Section 4 of the Sindh Public-Private Partnership Act, 2010.

- (j) "Business Days" means normal working days, excluding Saturday, Sunday, and any other days which are Government holidays.
- (k) "Calendar Days" or "Days" means days including all holidays.
- (I) "Conditional Bid" means a Bid that substantially limit or modify or contravene any of the terms and conditions, specifications, or any of the requirements of the RFP Document.
- (m) "Conflict of Interest" means (i) where a Bidder provides, or could provide, or could be perceived as providing biased professional advice to the Procuring Agency to obtain an undue benefit for himself or those affiliated with him; (ii) receiving or giving any remuneration directly or indirectly in connection with the Assignment except as provided in the Contract; (iii) any engagement in consulting or other procurement activities of a Bidder that conflicts with his role or relationship with the Procuring Agency under the Contract; (iv) where an official of the Procuring Agency engaged in the procurement process has a financial or economic interest in the outcome of the process of procurement, in a direct or an indirect manner.
- (n) "Consortium" means consultants comprised of a group of two or more firms (including technical, financial, social & environmental, legal members) formed to submit a Bid.
- (o) "Consultancy Service Agreement" or "Contract" means an agreement, enforceable by law (including general and special conditions, specifications, drawings and terms of reference or scope of the Assignment), to be executed between the Procuring Agency and the Bidder, whose Bid found as the Most Advantageous Bid pursuant to the selection method and criteria mentioned in the RFP Document in accordance with the SPP Rules.
- (p) "Consultant" means a professional who can study, design, organize, evaluate and manage projects or assess, evaluate and provide specialist advice or give technical assistance

for making or drafting policies, institutional private reforms and includes consulting firms, legal advisors, engineering firms, construction managers, management firms, procurement agents, inspection agents, international and multinational auditors, organizations, investment and merchant universities, banks, research institutions, government agencies, and nongovernmental organizations.

- (q) "Detailed Design" means the final design of a Project, based on which the Project construction/ development shall be undertaken by the concessionaire by the Private Party, after the execution of concession agreement.
- (r) "Data Sheet" means the document included with the RFP as Section-II which explains the Instructions to Consultants used to reflect the instant procurement Assignment conditions.
- (s) "Eligible Bidder" or "Eligible Consultant" means a Bidder who, after evaluation of Technical Proposal as per eligibility criteria and technical evaluation, stands qualified for opening and evaluation of Financial Proposal.
- (t) "Financial Bid" or "Financial Proposal" means the financial bid submitted by the Bidder in accordance with RFP Document.
- (u) "Financial Close" means the stage where all loan agreements are executed with the lenders and equity is arranged by the Special Purpose Vehicle/ Company (SPV) of the private party (preferred bidder for implementation of the Project). The complete funding required to implement the Project is arranged at financial close with full satisfaction of conditions of a financing agreement for loan disbursement.
- (v) "Foreign Company" means any company or body corporate incorporated outside Pakistan, which has a place of business or liaison office in Pakistan whether by itself or through an agent, physically or through electronic mode; or conducts any business activity in Pakistan in any other manner.

- (w) "Government" means Government of Sindh.
- (x) "International Financial Institutions" means a financial institution that has been established by more than one country like multilateral and regional development banks.
- (y) "Instructions to Consultants" means the document included with the RFP as Section-II which provides the Bidders with all information needed to prepare their Bids.
- (z) "Key Professional Staff" or "Key Experts" means the professionals proposed by the Bidder to undertake the Assignment.
- (aa) "Letter of Award" means a letter of award or acceptance of Bid issued by the Procuring Agency to a Bidder whose Bid found as Most Advantageous Bid in accordance with the criteria and other terms & conditions set forth in the RFP Document.
- (bb) "Lead Member" means Consortium member (an enterprise, firm, or company), being a National Company and registered with the relevant authorities, as applicable, in Pakistan responsible to the Procuring Agency for leading and executing the entire Assignment.
- (cc) "Letter of Invitation" means the document included with the RFP as Section-I containing the letter of invitation issued by the Procuring Agency among all the Eligible Bidders to solicit Bids in accordance with the SPP Rules.
- (dd) "MIGD" means million imperial gallons per day.
- (ee) "Most Advantageous Bid" means (i) a Bid for services that after meeting the eligibility or qualification criteria, is found substantially responsive to the terms and conditions set out in the RFP Document; and (ii) evaluated as the highest ranked Bid based on the quality and cost, as further specified in the RFP Document.
- (ff) "National Company" means any enterprise, firm or company setup or incorporated in Pakistan.

- (gg) "Person" means a consulting firm or entity (including sole proprietorship, partnership, public or private company or corporation incorporated in accordance with the applicable laws) or Consortium/ JV of such firms or entities formed in accordance with the RFP Document.
- (hh) "PPP Policy Board" means the Board constituted under Section 4 to perform the functions outlined under Section 5 of the of the Sindh Public-Private Partnership Act, 2010.
- (ii) "Public Private Partnership" or "PPP" means a contractual arrangement between the public and private sectors, built on the expertise and resources of each partner that best meets clearly defined public needs through appropriate allocation of resources, risks and rewards.
- (jj) "Private Party" means a person who enters into a Public-Private Partnership Agreement with an Agency and includes foreign government, or an entity owned or controlled by it, or its company incorporated under laws of Pakistan.
- (kk) "Procuring Agency" or "Agency" means the department with which the selected Consultant or Bidder signs the Contract for the Services.
- (II) "Project" means a project implemented as a Public-Private Partnership in one of the infrastructure sectors listed in Schedule I of the Sindh Public-Private Partnership Act, 2010.
- (mm) "Proposals" means the Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal submitted in a separate and sealed envelope.
- (nn) "Request for Proposal" or "RFP" means the bid document, including any addenda/ corrigenda, issued by the Procuring Agency for selection of Bidder in accordance with the SPP Rules.
- (oo) "Response Document" means a document issued by the Procuring Agency as clarification against the prospective Bidders queries, if any received, in connection to RFP Document in accordance with the SPP Rules.

- (pp) "SPP Rules" means the Sindh Public Procurement Rules, 2010, including instructions, guidelines, regulations, or orders relating to it made thereunder from time to time.
- (qq) "Sub-Consultant" means any Person to whom the Bidder subcontracts any part of Services in accordance with the RFP Document.
- (rr) "Technical Bid" or "Technical Proposal" means the technical bid to be submitted by the Bidder in accordance with the RFP Document.
- (ss) "Terms of Reference (TOR)" means the document included with the RFP as Section-V which explains the objectives, scope of work, activities, and tasks to be performed, respective responsibilities of the Procuring Agency and the Bidder, and expected results and deliverables of the Assignment.
- (tt) "Unsolicited Proposal" means a written proposal for a public-private initiative that is submitted by a private entity for the purpose of entering into an agreement with the Procuring Agency but that is not in response to a formal solicitation or request issued by the Procuring Agency as further defined under Rule 15(A) of SPP Rules.
- 1.2 The words and expression used but not defined in the RFP Document shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in the Sindh Public-Private Partnership Act, 2010, and SPP Rules, 2010, and, if not defined there, as in the ordinary use of language.

2. Introduction

- 2.1 The Procuring Agency named in the Data Sheet will select a consulting firm ('Bidder/ Consultant') in accordance with the selection method and criteria specified in the Data Sheet.
- 2.2 The eligible Consultants (shortlisted if so) are invited to submit a Technical and Financial Proposals, or a Technical Proposal only, as specified in the Data Sheet. The Proposal will be the basis for Contract negotiations and ultimately for a signed Contract with selected Consultant.
- 2.3 Consultants should familiarize themselves with all the applicable rules and conditions and take them into

- account while preparing their Proposals. Consultants are encouraged to attend a pre-proposal conference if one is specified in the Data Sheet. Attending the pre-proposal conference is, however, optional. Consultants may liaise with Procuring Agency's representative named in the Data Sheet to gain better insight into the Assignment.
- 2.4 Consultants shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of their proposals and contract negotiation. The Procuring Agency reserves the right to annul the Bidding Process at any time prior to the acceptance of a Bid or Proposal, without thereby incurring any liability to the Consultants.
- 2.5 Procuring Agency may provide facilities and inputs as specified in Data Sheet.
- 3. Conflict of Interest
- 3.1.1 Consultants are required to provide professional, objective, and impartial advice and holding the Procuring Agency's interest paramount. They shall strictly avoid conflict with other assignments or their own corporate interest. Consultants have an obligation to disclose any situation of actual or potential conflict that impacts their capacity to serve the best interest of the Procuring Agency, or that may reasonably be perceived as having such effect. Failure to disclose said situations may lead to the disqualification of the Consultant or the termination of its Contract.
- 3.1.2 Without limitation on the generality of the foregoing, Consultants, and any of their affiliates, shall be considered to have a Conflict of Interest and shall not be recruited, under any of the circumstances set forth below:
 - (a) A Consultant that has been engaged by the Procuring Agency to provide goods, works or services other than consulting services for a project, any of its affiliates, shall be disqualified from providing consulting services related to those goods, works or services. Conversely, a firm hired to provide consulting services for the preparation or implementation of a project, any of its affiliates, shall be disqualified from subsequently providing goods or works or services other than consulting services resulting from or directly related to the firm's consulting services for such preparation or implementation.

- (b) A Consultant (including its Personnel and Sub-Consultants) or any of its affiliates shall not be hired for any assignment that, by its nature, may conflict with another assignment of the Consultant to be executed for the same or for another Procuring Agency.
- (c) A Consultant (including its Personnel and Sub-Consultants) that has a business or family relationship with a member of the Procuring Agency's staff who is directly or indirectly involved in any part of:
 - (i) the preparation of the Terms of Reference of the Assignment,
 - (ii) the selection process for such Assignment, or
 - (iii) supervision of Contract, may not be awarded a Contract, unless the conflict stemming from this relationship has been resolved.

Conflicting Relationship

- 3.2 Government officials and civil servants may be hired as Consultants only if:
 - (a) They are on leave of absence without pay.
 - (b) They are not being hired by the agency they were working for, six months prior to going on leave.
 - (c) Their employment would not give rise to any Conflict of Interest.

4. Fraud and Corruption

- 4.1 It is the Government's policy that Consultants under the contract(s) observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts. In pursuit of this policy, the Procuring Agency follows the instructions contained in the Rules, which define:
 - "Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices" means either one or any of the practices given below:
 - (a) "Coercive Practice" means any impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any party or the property of the party to influence the actions of a party

- to achieve a wrongful gain or to cause a wrongful loss to another party.
- (b) "Collusive Practice" means any arrangement between two or more parties to the procurement process or contract execution, designed to achieve with or without the knowledge of the procuring agency to establish prices at artificial, non-competitive levels for any wrongful gain.
- (c) "Corrupt Practice" means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence the acts of another party for wrongful gain.
- (d) "Fraudulent Practice" means any act or omission, including a misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, a party to obtain a financial or other benefit or to avoid an obligation.
- (e) "Obstructive Practice" means harming or threatening to harm, directly or indirectly, persons or their property to influence their participation in a procurement process, or affect the execution of a contract or deliberately destroying, falsifying, altering or concealing of evidence material to the investigation or making false statements before investigators in order to materially impede an investigation into allegations of a corrupt, fraudulent, coercive or collusive practice; or threatening, harassing or intimidating any party to prevent it from disclosing its knowledge of matters relevant to the investigation or from pursuing investigation, or acts intended to materially impede the exercise of inspection and audit rights provided for under the Rules.

Under the SPP Rule 35, a Procuring Agency can interalia blacklist a Bidder found to be indulging in any of the Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices. Such barring action shall be duly publicized and communicated to the SPPRA. Provided that any Bidder who is to be blacklisted shall be accorded adequate opportunity of being heard.

5. Integrity Pact

5.1 Pursuant to Rule 89 of SPP Rules, Consultant undertakes to sign an Integrity pact in accordance with

prescribed format attached hereto for all the procurements.

6. Eligible Consultants

- 6.1 If short listing process has been undertaken through REOI, as outlined under Rules 73 & 74 of SPP Rule, 2010, for the Contract(s) for which this RFP document is being issued, those firms in case of Joint Ventures with the same partner(s) and Joint Venture structure that had been pre-qualified are eligible.
- 6.2 Shortlisted Consultants emerging from request of expression of interest are eligible.

7. Eligibility of Sub-Consultants

- 7.1 A shortlisted Consultant would not be allowed to associate with Consultants who have failed to qualify in the shortlisting process.
- 8. Only One Proposal
- 8.1 Consultants may only submit one proposal. If a Consultant submits or participates in more than one proposal, such proposals shall be disqualified. Participation of the same Sub-Consultant, including individual experts or Key Professional Staff, to more than one proposal is not allowed.

9. Proposal Validity

- 9.1 The Data Sheet indicates Proposals validity that shall not be more than ninety (90) Days in case of National Competitive Bidding (NCB) and one-hundred-twenty (120) Days in case of International competitive Bidding (ICB). During this period, Consultants shall maintain the availability of Professional staff nominated in the Proposal. The Procuring Agency will make its best effort to complete negotiations within this period. Should the need arise; however, the Procuring Agency may request Consultants to extend the validity period of their proposals. Consultants who agree to such extension shall confirm that they maintain the availability of the Professional Staff nominated in the Proposal, or in their confirmation of extension of validity of the Proposal, Consultants may submit new staff in replacement that would be considered in final evaluation for contract award. Consultants who do not agree have right to refuse to extend the validity of their Proposals.
- 9.2 Consultants shall submit required bid security along with the Financial Proposal defined in the Data Sheet (which shall not be less than one percent and shall not exceed five percent of the Bid Price).

10. Clarification and Amendment in RFP Documents

- 10.1 Consultants may request for a clarification of contents of the bidding document in writing, and Procuring Agency shall respond to such queries in writing within three Calendar Days, provided they are received at least five Calendar Days prior to the date of opening of proposal. The Procuring Agency shall communicate such response to all parties who have obtained the RFP document without identifying the source of inquiry. Should the Procuring Agency deem it necessary to amend the RFP Document as a result of a clarification, it shall do so.
- 10.2 At any time before the deadline for submission of Bids or Proposals, the Procuring Agency may amend the RFP by issuing an addendum/ corrigendum in writing. The addendum shall be sent to all Consultants and will be binding on them. Consultants shall acknowledge receipt of all amendments. To give Consultants reasonable time in which to take an amendment into account in their Proposals the Procuring Agency may, if the amendment is substantial, extend the deadline for the submission of Proposals.

11. Preparation of Proposals

- 11.1 In preparing their Proposal, Consultants are expected to examine in detail the documents comprising the RFP. Material deficiencies (deviation from scope, experience and qualification of personnel, eligibility) in providing the information requested may result in rejection of a Proposal.
- 11.2 The estimated number of Professional Staff months or the budget required for executing the Assignment should be shown in the Data Sheet, but not both. However, the Proposal shall be based on the professional staff month or budget estimated by the Consultant.

12. Language

12.1 The Proposal as well as all related correspondence exchanged by the Consultants and the Procuring Agency shall be written in English. However, it is desirable that the firm's Personnel have a working knowledge of the national and regional languages of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

13. Technical Proposal Format and Content

- 13.1 While preparing the Technical Proposal, Consultants must give particular attention to the following:
 - (a) If a Consultant considers that it does not have all the expertise required for the Assignment, it may obtain a full range of expertise by

associating with individual Consultant(s) and/or other firms or entities in a joint venture or subconsultancy, as appropriate and applicable. International Consultants are encouraged to seek the participation of local Consultants by entering a joint venture with, or subcontracting part of the Assignment to, national Consultants, subject to SPP Rules, 2010.

- (b) For Assignments on a staff-time basis, the estimated number of professional staff-months is given in the Data Sheet. The proposal shall, however, be based on the number of professional staff-months estimated by the firm. For fixed-budget-based assignments, the available budget is given in the Data Sheet, and the Financial Proposal shall not exceed this budget.
- (c) It is desirable that majority of the Key Professional Staff proposed be permanent employees of the firm or has an extended and stable working relationship with it.
- (d) Proposed professional staff must, at a minimum, have the experience indicated in the Data Sheet, preferably working under similar geographical condition.
- (e) Alternative professional staff shall not be proposed, and only one Curriculum Vitae (CV) shall be submitted for each position.
- 13.2 Depending upon the nature of the Assignment, the Consultant shall provide the following information on standard forms (provided in Section 3 of the RFP Document) using a Full Technical Proposal (FTP), or a Simplified Technical Proposal (STP) as indicated in the Data Sheet:
 - (a) A brief description of the Consultant organization and an outline of recent experience on assignments of a similar nature for each assignment, the outline should indicate, inter alia, the profiles of the staff, duration of the assignment, contract amount, and firm's involvement (Form TECH-2).
 - (b) Any comments or suggestions on the Terms of Reference and on the data, a list of services,

- and facilities to be provided by the Procuring Agency (Form TECH-3).
- (c) The list of the proposed staff team by specialty, the tasks that would be assigned to each staff team member, and their timing (Form TECH-5).
- (d) CVs recently signed by the proposed Key Professional Staff and the authorized representative submitting the proposal. Key information should include number of years working for the Consultant and degree of responsibility held in various assignments as indicated in the Data Sheet (Form TECH-6).
- (e) Estimates of the total staff input (professional and support staff; staff time) needed to carry out the Assignment, supported by bar chart diagrams showing the time proposed for each professional staff team member (Form TECH-7).
- (f) A detailed description of proposed methodology, work plan for performing the Assignment, staffing, and monitoring of training, if the Data Sheet specifies training as a major component of the Assignment (Form TECH-4).
- (g) Any additional information and documents requested in the Data Sheet.
- 13.3 The Technical Proposal shall not include any financial information.

14. Financial Proposal

14.1 The Financial Proposal shall be prepared using the attached Standard Forms (Section-IV). It shall list all costs associated with the Assignment, including (a) remuneration for staff (in the field and at the Consultants' office), and (b) reimbursable expenses indicated in the Data Sheet (if and as applicable). Alternatively, Consultant may provide its own list of cost. If appropriate, these costs should be broken down by activity. All activities and items described in the Technical Proposal must be priced separately; activities and items described in the Technical Proposal but not priced, shall be assumed to be included in the prices of other activities or items.

15. Taxes

16. Submission, Receipt, and Opening of

Proposals

- 15.1 The Consultant will be subject to all admissible taxes including stamp duty and service charges at a rate prevailing on the date of contract agreement unless exempted by relevant tax authority.
- 16.1 Proposal shall contain no interlineations or overwriting. Submission letters for both Technical and Financial Proposals should respectively be in the format of **TECH-1 of Section-III, and FIN-1 of Section-IV**. All pages of the original Technical and Financial Proposals will be initialed by an authorized representative of the Consultants. The authorization shall be in the form of a written power of attorney accompanying the Technical Proposal.
- 16.2 All required copies of the Technical Proposal are to be made from the original. If there are discrepancies between the original and the copies of the Technical Proposal, the original shall govern.
- 16.3 The original and all copies of the Technical Proposal shall be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked "TECHNICAL PROPOSAL (ORIGINAL/ PHOTOCOPY)" Similarly, the original Financial Proposal (if required under the selection method indicated in the Data Sheet) shall be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked "FINANCIAL PROPOSAL (ORIGINLA/ PHOTOCOPY)" followed by name of the Assignment, and with a warning "DO NOT OPEN WITH THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL." If the Financial Proposal is not submitted in a separate sealed envelope duly marked as indicated above, this will constitute grounds for declaring the Proposal nonresponsive.
- 16.4 The Proposals must be sent to the address indicated in the Data Sheet and received by the Procuring Agency no later than the time and the date indicated in the Data Sheet until any extension to this date is made through a corrigendum or addendum. Any proposal received by the Procuring Agency after the deadline for submission shall be returned unopened. To avoid delays arising from the postal or Procuring Agency's internal dispatch workings, Consultants should ensure that proposals to be sent through couriers should reach a day before deadline for submission.

17. Proposals Evaluation

17.1 From the time the Proposals are opened to the time the Contract is awarded, the Consultants should not contact the Procuring Agency on any matter related to

its Technical and/or Financial Proposal. Any effort by Consultants to influence the Procuring Agency in the examination, evaluation, ranking of Proposals, and recommendation for award of Contract may result in the rejection of the Consultants' Proposal.

Evaluators of Technical Proposals shall have no access to the Financial Proposals until the technical evaluation is concluded.

18. Evaluation of Technical Proposals

18.1 The evaluation committee shall evaluate the Technical Proposals on the basis of their responsiveness to the Terms of Reference, applying the evaluation criteria, sub-criteria, and point system specified in the Data Sheet. Each responsive Proposal will be given a technical score (St). A Proposal shall be rejected at this stage if it fails to achieve the minimum technical score indicated in the Data Sheet.

In the case of Quality-Based Selection, Selection Based on Consultant's Qualifications, and Single-Source Selection, the highest ranked Consultant or firm selected on a single-source basis is invited to negotiate its proposal and the contract based on the Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal submitted.

Public Opening and Evaluation of Financial Proposals: (LCS, QCBS, and Fixed Budget Selection Methods Only)

18.2 After the technical evaluation is completed, the Procuring Agency shall notify in writing Consultants that have secured the minimum qualifying marks/ points, the date, time and location, allowing a reasonable time, for opening the Financial Proposals. Consultants' attendance at the opening of Financial Proposals is optional.

Financial proposals of those Consultants who failed to qualify the eligibility criteria or secure minimum qualifying marks/ points shall be returned un-opened.

19. Evaluation of Financial Proposals

19.1 Financial Proposals shall be opened publicly in the presence of the Consultants' designated/ authorized representatives who choose to attend. The name of the Consultants and the technical scores of the Consultants shall be read aloud. The Financial Proposal of the Consultants who met the minimum qualifying marks/ points will then be inspected to confirm that they have remained sealed and

- unopened. These Financial Proposals shall be then opened, and the total prices read aloud and recorded. Copy of the record shall be sent to all the Consultants.
- 19.2 The Evaluation Committee will correct any computational errors. When correcting computational errors, in case of discrepancy between a partial amount and the total amount, or between word and figures the former will prevail. In addition to above corrections, activities and items described in the Technical Proposal but not priced shall be assumed to be included in the prices of other activities or items.
- 19.3 In case of Least Cost Selection LCS Method, the Bid found to be the lowest evaluated bid shall be accepted.
- 19.4 In case of **Quality and Cost Based Selection QCBS Method** the lowest evaluated Financial Proposal (Fm) will be given the maximum financial score (Sf) of 100 points. The financial scores (Sf) of the other Financial Proposals will be computed as indicated in the Data Sheet. Proposals will be ranked according to their combined technical (St) and financial (Sf) scores using the weights (T = the weight given to the Technical Proposal; P = the weight given to the Financial Proposal; T + P = 1) indicated in the Data Sheet: S = St x T% + Sf x P%. The firm achieving the highest combined technical and financial score will be invited for negotiations.
- 19.5 In the case of Fixed-Budget and Quality Based Selection, the Procuring Agency will select the firm that submitted the highest ranked Technical Proposal.

20. Negotiations

20.1 Negotiations will be held at the date and address indicated in the Data Sheet. The invited Consultant will, as a pre-requisite for attendance at the negotiations, confirm availability of all the Professional Staff. Failure to satisfy such requirements may result in the Procuring Agency proceeding to negotiate with the next-ranked Consultant. Representatives conducting negotiations on behalf of the Consultant must have written authority to negotiate and conclude a Contract.

21. Technical Negotiations

21.1 Technical Negotiations will include a discussion of the Technical Proposal, the proposed technical approach and methodology, work plan, organization and staffing, and any suggestions made by the Consultant to improve the Terms of Reference. The Procuring Agency and the Consultants will finalize the Terms of

Reference, staffing schedule, work schedule, logistics, and reporting. These documents will then be incorporated in the Contract as "Description of Services". Minutes of negotiations, which will be signed by the Procuring Agency and the Consultant, will become part of Contract Agreement.

22. Financial Negotiations

22.1 If applicable, it is the responsibility of the Consultant, before starting financial negotiations, to contact the local tax authorities to determine the tax amount to be paid by the Consultant under the Contract. The financial negotiations will include a clarification (if any) of the firm's tax liability, and the manner in which it will be reflected in the Contract; and will reflect the agreed technical modifications in the cost of the services. Consultants will provide th/e Procuring Agency with the information on remuneration rates described in the Appendix attached to Section 4 (Financial Proposal - Standard Forms of this RFP).

23. Availability of Professional Staff/ Experts

23.1 Having selected the Consultant on the basis of, among other things, an evaluation of proposed Professional Staff, the Procuring Agency expects to negotiate a Contract on the basis of the Professional Staff named in the Proposal. Before contract negotiations, the Procuring Agency will require assurances that the Professional Staff will be available. The Procuring Agency will not consider substitutions during contract negotiations unless both parties agree that undue delay in the selection process makes such substitution unavoidable or for reasons such as death or medical incapacity. If this is not the case and if it is established that Professional Staff were offered in the proposal without confirming their availability, the Consultant may be disqualified. Any proposed substitute, if accepted by the Procuring Agency, shall have equivalent or better qualifications and experience than the original candidate and be submitted by the Consultant within period specified in the letter of invitation to negotiate.

24. Award of Contract

24.1 After completing negotiations, if any held, the Procuring Agency shall award the Contract to the selected Consultant and within fifteen (15) Days of the Contract's signing, the Procuring Agency shall publish on the website of the Authority and on its own website, if such a website exists, the result of the Bidding Process, identifying the Bid through procuring identifying number, if any and the information, including evaluation report, form of contract and letter

- of award, bill of quantity or schedule of requirement, as the case may be.
- 24.2 Before signing the Contract, Consultant required to submit performance security at rate indicated in the Data Sheet.
- 24.3 The Consultant is expected to commence the Assignment on the date and at the location specified in the Data Sheet.

25. Confidentiality

25.1 Information relating to evaluation of Proposals and recommendations concerning awards shall not be disclosed to the Consultants who submitted the Proposals or to other persons not officially concerned with the process, until the publication of the bid evaluation result and/ or the award of Contract. The undue use by any Consultant of confidential information related to the process may result in the rejection of its Proposal.

Section II – Instructions to Consultants

Bid Data Sheet

The following specific data for the Services to be procured under this Assignment shall complement, supplement, or amend the provisions in the Instructions to Consultants (ITC). Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions herein shall prevail over those in the Instruction to Consultants (ITC).

ITC Ref.		Description	
ITC 2.1	The Procuring Agency is:	Sukkur Municipal Corporation Address: Executive Engineer (Civil), Sukkur Municipal Corporation, Sukkur. Web: https://smc.gos.pk/ E-mail: ppp.fsta@gmail.com smc.sukkur786@gmail.com Phone: +92 71 9310307	
	The Assignment title is:	Feasibility study and transaction advisory services for rehabilitation and development of water distribution system in Sukkur under public-private partnership mode	
	RFP reference number is	: SMC/XEN/PPP-MODE/RFP/790 of 2023	
	Market approach is:	National competitive bidding – open to all the Eligible Bidders (individual firms or Consortia)	
	Bidding Procedure:	Single stage two envelope in terms of Rule 46(2) read with Rule 75(2) using the Quality and Cost Based Selection Method as prescribed under Rule 72(3) of the SPP Rules	
ITC 2.2	Proposal: Yes – Technic number of copies as men	be submitted together with Technical all and Financial Proposals, with requisite tioned under ITC Clauses 16.2 & 16.3 of nitted in separate and sealed envelopes.	
ITC 2.3	ITC 2.3 A pre-proposal conference (pre-bid meeting) will		
ITC 2.5	The Procuring Agency may include:	may provide facilities and inputs that	

- Access to the relevant reference documents or information;
- Access to the Project sites as part of this Assignment; Feedback and approvals on relevant reports from time to time;

Any other support needed for smooth execution of Assignment.

ITB 5.1 Consultant (individual firm or Consortium) undertakes to sign Integrity Pact as per prescribed format and instructions outlined in this RFP Document.

- ITC 6 Shortlisted Consultants may associate with other shortlisted Consultants: Not applicable the Bidding Process is open to all the Eligible Bidders.
- ITC 8.1 Alternative bids **shall not** be considered.
- The bid validity period shall be **ninety (90) days** effective from the Technical Bids' opening date **valid up to 09**th **April 2024**.
- The original sealed financial proposal must contain a bid security equivalent to 2% of the total quoted bid price in the form of Deposit at Call or Pay Order or Demand Draft or a Bank Guarantee, valid for a period of twenty-eight (28) days beyond bid validity period, issued by a scheduled bank in Pakistan in favor of 'Sukkur Municipal Corporation'.
- Clarifications may be requested not later than five Calendar Days prior to the date of opening of bids. The address for requesting clarifications is:

Attention: Executive Engineer (Civil) **Address:** Sukkur Municipal Corporation

City: Sukkur

Phone: +92 71 9310307

Email: ppp.fsta@gmail.com; seld.pppn@gmail.com

Note: The Procuring Agency will issue clarifications ('Response Document') against the prospective Bidders' written queries, if any received within the time specified herein-above. The Response Document(s) will be posted on the Procuring Agency's website and same will be communicated to the prospective Bidders who obtained the RFP Document directly from Procuring Agency. The prospective Bidders are required to regularly access the websites to ensure seeking such updates relating to the Assignment; or alternatively, the prospective Bidders may confirm their intention to Bid by sending e-mail containing the subject **Sukkur Water Project** addressed at ppp.fsta@gmail.com for receiving timely updates, if any issued by the Procuring Agency before the Bids Submission Deadline.

Any information, if deemed mandatory to extend the Bids' submission/ opening and/ or amend the RFP Document after its issuance and before Bids Submission Deadline, shall be circulated through advertising a notice in newspapers and posting on SPPRA and Procuring Agency websites.

ITC 1.1(bb)

The language of the submitted proposal shall be in **English**.

All correspondence exchange shall be in **English**.

Translation of supporting documents/ literature shall be in **English**.

ITC 13.1(a) Maximum number of Consortium total members shall be: Four ITC 1.1(n)

In case of Consortium of firms, the Technical Proposal shall be accompanied by a certified true copy of the **Consortium Agreement** that shall contain the following requirements:

- i. The date and place of signing the Consortium Agreement;
- ii. Purpose of Consortium (must include the details of the Contract scope for which the Consortium has been invited to bid);
- iii. A clear and definite description of the proposed administrative arrangements for the management and execution of the Assignment (it is expected that Consortium's Lead Member would be authorized to incur liabilities and to receive instructions and payments for and on behalf of the Consortium);
- iv. Delineation of duties, responsibilities, and scope of work to be undertaken by each along with resources committed by Consortium's each member for the proposed services;
- v. An undertaking that the firms are severally liable to the Procuring Agency for the performance of the services;
- vi. Duties, responsibilities, and powers of the Lead Member; and
- vii. The authorized representative of the Consortium.

The format of the Technical Proposal to be submitted is: Full Technical Proposal (FTP) containing all the information, including description of the approach, methodology, work plan for performing the Assignment, team composition, task assignments, work schedule, CVs of the proposed Key Professional Staff, consultant's organization and experience, comments on the TOR and comments on the counterpart staff and/ or facilities.

Technical Proposal's submission in any other format may lead to the Proposal as non-responsive to the RFP Document requirements.

ITC 13.2(f) Training is a specific component of this Assignment: No

Bidders shall quote their Bids in **Pak Rupees (PKR)**, using standard forms as applicable, while submitting Bids to the Procuring Agency.

The Contract shall be based on a **fixed price or lump sum basis**, payable to the Bidder (in case of a Consortium, respective members as mentioned therein the invoice submitted to the Procuring Agency) in PKR, subject to satisfactory completion of respective milestones as mentioned under the RFP Document's TOR.

ITC 15.1 Amounts payable by the Procuring Agency to the Consultant

under the Contract are subject to local taxation, stamp duty and service charges, as applicable at the time of Bids' Submission Deadline. The Consultant shall incorporate all the applicable taxes, subject to exemption, in the Bid Price otherwise the Procuring Agency shall presume these taxes as applicable are part of the Bid.

ITC 16.2

Consultants must submit one original and one softcopy (scanned ITC 16.3 copy of the original) of the Technical Proposal, and one original copy of the Financial Proposal. Each proposal must contain in a separate and sealed envelope clearly marked with the Assignment title and other information as provided under ITC Clause 16.3.

ITC 16.4 For Bids' submission and opening purpose only, the Procuring Agency's address is:

> **Attention:** Executive Engineer (Civil) Address: Sukkur Municipal Corporation

City: Sukkur

+92 71 9310307 Phone:

The deadline for proposals submission and opening is:

11th January 2024 Date:

16:30 Hrs. and 16:45 Hrs. (PST) (for submission and Time:

opening of the Bids, respectively)

Bidders shall not have option to submit Bids electronically. However, a Bidder, in case of any query or seeking further information relating to the RFP Document or Bidding Process, may communicate the same via email following the ITC Clause 10.1 of the Data Sheet.

ITC 18.1

ITC 13.1

ITC 6.1

ITC 2.2

Eligibility Criteria: The Bidder (individual firm or Consortium as the case may be) must qualify the following requirements as of the Bids Submission Deadline for further assessment (technical evaluation and marking):

Nationality: Bidder (in case of Consortium, Lead Member) must have been incorporated or set up in Pakistan as evidenced by its registration documents (Memorandum & Articles Association or equivalent documents of constitution association as applicable under the law);

Registration: Bidder (in case of a consortium, each member as applicable) must have valid registration with (i) Federal Board of Revenue (FBR); (ii) Sindh Revenue Board (SRB) or relevant tax authority; and (iii) Pakistan Engineering Council as Consulting Engineers;

Active Taxpayer: Bidder (in case of Consortium, each member as applicable) must be on Active Taxpayer List of FBR and must have filed income tax returns during the last three (3) years;

- Power of Attorney and Consortium Agreement: Bidder (in case of Consortium, each member) must submit a power of attorney, as required by the RFP Document, for the authorized person nominated to sign the documents. In addition, the Bidder (in case of Consortium only) must submit the Consortium Agreement along with Bid submitted to the Procuring Agency;
- Financial Turnover: Bidder must have an average annual financial turnover of at least PKR 150 million during the last three years, as verifiable from the financial statements audited by a certified chartered accountant in Pakistan or as applicable. However, the Bidder, in the case of a Consortium, the Lead Member alone must have an average annual financial turnover of at least PKR 100 million, and each other members individually must have an average annual financial turnover of at least PKR 20 million during the last three (3) years;
- Experience: Bidder (in case of Consortium, technical member) must have experience of at least one (1) assignment relating to a feasibility study or master planning or detailed design for construction or rehabilitation or installation of a water treatment/ filtration/ distribution project with a minimum capacity of 10 MIGD completed during the last fifteen (15) years;
- Key Professional Staff: Bidder (in case of Consortium, any member, as applicable) must have and propose all the eligible¹ Key Professional Staff as listed under Technical Evaluation Criteria. Each Consortium member firm must place at least one (1), and the Lead Member firm should place at least two (2) Key Professional Staff;
- Government Owned Organization: Bidder (in case of Consortium, each member as applicable) must be: (i) legally and financially autonomous; and (ii) operates under commercial law;
- Conflict of Interest: Bidder (in case of Consortium, each member) must not have any conflict of interest arising from the prior or existing contracts or relationships which could materially affect the potential involvement of the Bidder and to comply with the obligations set out in the RFP Document issued with respect to this Assignment;
- Non-performing Contracts and Litigation History: Bidder (in case of Consortium, each member) must provide details of (i) non-performing contracts with cogent reasons; and (ii) disputes and litigation or arbitration cases in-hand and pending for adjudication (if any);
- Non-blacklisting/ Non-debarment: Bidder (in case of Consortium, each member) must not be: (i) blacklisted by any public sector organization and IFIs; (ii) debarred by the Procuring Agency till the bid submission deadline; (iii) in bankruptcy or liquidation proceeding; and (iv) convicted of, fraud, corruption, collusion, or money laundering.

¹ For eligibility of the Key Professional Staff, refer to the note (eligibility conditions) listed on page # 36 onwards

Technical Evaluation Criteria: Refer to the RFP pages # 35 to 42.

The prospective Bidders must read carefully and note the following conditions relating to an integral part of the evaluation criteria:

- Foreign entities, if participating in the Bidding Process as Consortium members, other than the Lead Member, must provide relevant documents of registration and other evidence, as applicable with respect to the criteria, from their respective regulatory and/ or registration bodies of the home country;
- ii. Sub-Consultant's credentials & experience is not eligible for scoring. Furthermore, the global experience of a parent company or associated firms abroad is also not eligible for scoring until and unless the foreign company has itself participated as a Consortium member;
- iii. The Procuring Agency shall consider the Bidder's experience to the extent of contracts as directly awarded in its own or Bidder's title (but not their staff or any parent or subsidiary company). Secondly, the claimed experience or contracts awarded (respective milestones) must be satisfactorily completed as evidenced by the supporting documents submitted with the Bid;
- iv. Any Conditional Bid submitted by a Bidder shall be treated as non-responsive during technical or financial evaluation, as the case may be;
- v. If a Consultant is notified as qualified and awarded the procurement contract based on the experience of a foreign company, then requisite Professional Staff from that foreign company must be present during the contract negotiation, if any held, and fielded along with other Consortium members during the targeted milestones.

ITC 18.1 ITC 13.1 ITC 6.1 ITC 2.2 **Eligibility Criteria (Mandatory Documents):** Bidder (in the case of a Consortium, <u>each member</u> as applicable) must enclose, along with Technical Proposal, copies of the following documents including but not limited to (refer to the Eligibility and Technical Evaluation Criteria for further details):

- Documents checklist properly filled and duly signed, stamped by the Bidder's authorized representative (Appendix – E);
 Registration details including Memorandum & Articles of Incorporation (equivalent documents of constitution/ association and documents of registration of legal entity (including NTN, SRB, and PEC as applicable);
- ii. Company profile describing nature of business and field of experience;
- iii. Consortium Agreement in consonance with ITC Clause 13.1(a) of Bid Data Sheet (in case of Consortium only);
- iv. Power of Attorney (Appendix C);
- v. Integrity Pact (Appendix A);

- vi. Audit reports containing balance sheets, income statements and cash flow statements of last three (3) years duly issued and verified by a certified chartered accountant firm²;
- vii. Income tax returns filed for last three (3) years;
- viii. Bid security financial instrument without disclosing amount of it;
- ix. Qualification record indicating contracts scope and references proving completion of requisite number of contract(s) in last ten (10) years;
- x. Work orders, contract agreements with a clear scope of work, and completion certificates (or any other substantial evidence in place of the completion certificates suffice to prove completion of claimed milestones);
- xi. CVs along with the last educational degree or certificate of the Key Professional Staff dedicated for this Assignment;
- xii. Historical contracts non-performing details, if any, with reasons leading to non-performance;
- xiii. Litigation history with pending cases and nature of such litigations;
- xiv. An affidavit that Bidder (in case of Consortium, each member) is not blacklisted by any public or private sector organization (Appendix-B);
- xv. Any other document, including Bid Forms as applicable and referred to in The ITC, associated with qualifying the eligibility, technical evaluation criteria, and other terms and conditions.

The prospective Bidders must read carefully and note the following conditions relating to an integral part of the evaluation criteria:

- i. Any foreign entity participating in the Bidding Process as Consortium members, other than Lead Member, must submit relevant documents issued by respective authorities/jurisdiction;
- ii. In case, Bidder has proposed a Professional Staff from a public sector organization, then a 'No Objection Certificate' issued from such organization be enclosed with proposed individual CV; Bidder (individual firm or Consortium) must provide valid documents against each criteria/ sub-criterion as required for qualifying eligibility and technical evaluation criteria. Proposal received with incomplete document(s) or without concrete evidence(s) as required under the RFP Document, including those specifically mentioned under the RFP Documents Checklist, shall be marked as disqualified or assigned zero marks as the case may be;
- iii. The Procuring Agency reserves the right to cross-verify or call further information/ documents, if deemed necessary during the bidding process, to ensure the reliability of information and capability of Bidder. Bidder's non-submission of the required document(s) or information on time may result in disqualification or non-scoring of a particular credential, as the case may be.
- iv. The Procuring Agency reserves the right to cross-verify or call

further information/ documents, if deemed necessary during the bidding process, to ensure the reliability of information and capability of Bidder. Bidder's non-submission of the required document(s) or information on time may result in disqualification or non-scoring of a particular credential, as the case may be.

v. The Procuring Agency shall not consider any revised document or any unsolicited information relating to eligibility and technical evaluation criteria provided by a Bidder against its submitted Bid during the Bids evaluation stage for its qualification and assigning the marks. In other words, only those projects and staff, etc., will be considered that are part or proposed along with the original submitted Bid.

The lowest evaluated Financial Proposal (Fm) is given the maximum financial score (Sf) of 100.

The formula for determining the financial scores (Sf) of all other Proposals is calculated as following:

Sf = 100 x Fm/ F, in which "Sf" is the financial score, "Fm" is the lowest price, and "F" the price of the proposal under consideration.

The weights given to the Technical (T) and Financial (P) Proposals are:

T = 80

P = 20

Proposals are ranked according to their combined technical (St) and financial (Sf) scores using the weights (T =the weight given to the Technical Proposal; P =the weight given to the Financial Proposal; T + P = 1) as following: S =St x T% +Sf x P%.

ITC 20.1 Expected date and address for contract negotiation is 01st March 2024 or immediately after the issuance of the Letter of Award to the Bidder whose bid found the Most Advantageous Bid at the Committee Room of the Municipal Commissioner, Sukkur Municipal Corporation, Sukkur.

The Procuring Agency shall **award the procurement Contract** to a Bidder qualifying the eligibility or preliminary evaluation criteria and attaining the highest combined technical and financial score using **Quality & Cost Based Selection** (QCBS) method — **Most Advantageous Bid**.

Successful Bidder, whose bid found and declared by the Procuring Agency as the Most Advantageous Bid, upon receiving the Letter of

² Bidder shall require to submit annual statements, duly certified by a chartered accountant, for the most recent three (3) years in accordance with the RFP Document. However, where a Bidder is unable to submit an audited statement for any of these financial years due to the pendency of internal approval or any other legal requirement, then the Bidder, in such a case, may submit draft audit statements duly verified by certified chartered accountant along with valid reasons/ justification for submitting the draft, while submitting Bid to the Procuring Agency.

Award shall require furnishing the **performance security** equivalent to **2% of the contract amount** in the shape of **Bank Guarantee**, valid for a period of twenty-eight (28) days beyond the specified Contract duration, issued by a scheduled bank in Pakistan in favor of 'Sukkur Municipal Corporation'.

ITC 24.3 Expected date for commencement of services is 14th March 2024 or immediately after signing of the Contract by both the parties.

Technical Evaluation Criteria (ITC 18.1)			
r.		Sub-Criteria and Points	Max Points
	Firm's experience (Max. Points =	1.1 General Experience (Maximum Points = 12)	<u> </u>
	Note: i. Points will be assigned only once for the same project or same milestone completed by more than one Consortium member firm. Furthermore, if a milestone is completed or achieved through a Consortium member firm (for instance: a legal or financial firm),	1.1.1 Bidder's (in case of a Consortium, technical members) experience in conducting feasibility or technical due diligence or planning or designing for construction or rehabilitation or expansion of any infrastructure development projects³ with each assignment minimum contract value of PKR 25 million or project's minimum estimated value of PKR 1000 million completed during the last fifteen (15) years [1.5 points for each project]	03
	the points will be assigned to that Consortium member firm only, subject to that firm's participation as a Consortium member under instant procurement; ii. Project(s) containing various milestones of a similar or varied nature under a single project will be considered separately for	1.1.2 Bidder's (in case of a Consortium, technical members) experience in conducting initial environmental examination and/ or environmental impact assessment studies for any infrastructure development projects, with each assignment's minimum contract value of PKR 10 million or project's minimum estimated value of PKR 1000 million completed during the last fifteen (15) years [1.5 points for each project]	03
	awarding the points; iii. Bidders' experience will be considered for completed milestones of projects under public or private sector organizations unless expressly specified otherwise; iv. Bidders' experience to the extent of PPP projects from 1.2.3 to 1.2.5 will only be considered for public sector clients, i.e., the completed milestone counterparty or client	1.1.3 Bidder's (in case of a Consortium, legal member) experience in preparing bidding package (bid document and draft agreement, etc.) for any infrastructure or social infrastructure development or EPC or turnkey projects, with each assignment's minimum contract value of PKR 5 million or project's minimum estimated value of PKR 1000 million completed during the last fifteen (15) years [1.5 points for each project]	03
	must be a public sector organization as verified from the contract documents; v. Scores will be awarded to a Bidder based on milestones achieved for a project as verifiable from the Bidder's submitted document, i.e., work orders, contract agreement (with a clear scope of work), and completion certificate or any other substantial evidence against the completion	1.1.4 Bidder's (in case of a Consortium, financial member) experience in developing the financial model and/ or project structuring for any infrastructure or social infrastructure development or EPC or turnkey projects, with each assignment's minimum contract value of PKR 5 million or project's minimum estimated value of PKR 1,000 million, completed during the last fifteen (15) years [1.5 points for each project]	03
	certificates;	1.2 Relevant Experience (Maximum Points = 38) ⁴	

Infrastructure project includes canals, dams, power generation, sewerage, drainage, bridge, highway, motorways, communication, power, aviation, railroad, road, waste, tourism, urban development, water, civil works
 Points against criterion 1.2.1(b) & (c) for claimed projects or similar milestones under a single or multiple projects exceeding the three (3) & four (4), respectively, will be assigned at a reduced points scoring system.

	To completion of projects/ assignments other than the PKR, the historical exchange rate prevailing on the completion date of the respective milestone will be used to convert foreign currency into PKR, as notified by the State Bank of Pakistan; Tor the purpose of assigning points for the projects or assignments completed, it shall be assigned only once in the respective category, i.e., either general or relevant experience, as passing the criteria mentioned thereunder; and		Bidder's (in case of a Consortium, technical members) experience in conducting feasibility study and/ or planning and/ or designing for construction or expansion or rehabilitation of water related projects (treatment or distribution, etc.) with a minimum capacity, listed below, completed during the last fifteen (15) years: (a) \geq 30 MIGD acres [6.0 points for each project]; and/ or (b) \geq 20 MIGD and < 30 MIGD [5.0 points for each project]; and/ or (c) \geq 10 MIGD and < 20 MIGD [4.0 points for each project]; and/ or (d) \geq 05 MIGD and < 10 MIGD [3.0 points for each project].	18
	viii. Bidders shall attach supporting documents/ evidence of experience and indicate such reference within the Checklist submitted along with the Technical Proposal.		Bidder's (in case of a Consortium, technical members) experience in conducting environmental impact assessment studies (as per the national safeguard policies and/ or requirements of IFIs) for construction of infrastructure or social infrastructure development projects, with each assignment's minimum contract value of PKR 5 million or the project's minimum estimated value of PKR 1500 million completed during the last fifteen (15) years [2.0 points for each project]	04
		1.2.3	Bidder's (in case of a Consortium, legal member) experience in preparing bidding package [RFP and draft PPP agreement (including key performance indicators and risk sharing)] for infrastructure and/ or social infrastructure development projects under the PPP modality, completed during the last fifteen (15) years [2.0 points for each project]	06
		1.2.4	Bidder's (in case of a Consortium, legal member) experience in ascertaining the legal viability of an unsolicited proposal for an infrastructure project under the PPP modality, completed during the last fifteen (15) years [4.0 points for each project]	04
		1.2.5	Bidder's (in case of a Consortium, financial member) experience in developing the financial model and project structuring for infrastructure and/ or social infrastructure development projects under the PPP modality, completed during the last fifteen (15) years [2.0 points for each project]	06
ota	al Points (General and Relevant Exp		•	50
	Key Professional Staff (Max	2.1	Financial Team:	05
	Points = 35)		i. Financial Team Leader 3.0 points	
	Note: The proposed staff (Financial, Technical, and Legal) must qualify (eligibility) the following		iii. Project Finance Specialist 2.0 points	
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requirements	for	attaining	the	points	as
mentioned und	der th	is section	(refer	to the ta	able
showing weigh	tage	points allo	cated	to each s	staff
based on qual	ificati	on and rele	evant e	experient	ce):

- i. S/he must not be more than 65 years of age, as on the date of bids submission deadline; and
- ii. S/he must have valid registration with the professional bodies i.e., PEC, ICAP, EPC, and PCATP and/ or as applicable under the relevant laws or general by-laws of the respective country (the proposed staff registration number with respective regulatory bodies, where applicable, be mentioned in the CV);
- S/he must attain the minimum points or meet the minimum qualification criteria mentioned in the score table.

2.2 Technical Team:

i.	Technical Team Leader	4.0 points
ii.	Water Resources Management Specialist	3.0 points
iii.	Structural Design Engineer	2.0 points
iv.	Mechanical Design Engineer	2.0 points
V.	Infrastructure Engineer	2.0 points
vi.	Civil Engineer	1.5 points
vii.	Quantity Surveyor	1.5 points
viii.	Material Engineer	1.5 points
ix.	Geotechnical/ GIS Expert	1.5 points
Χ.	Architect	1.0 point
xi.	Electrical Engineer	1.0 point
xii.	Environmental Expert	1.0 point
Xiii.	Social Safeguard Specialist	1.0 point

2.3 Legal Team:

i.	Legal Team Leader	3.0 points
ii.	Legal Expert	2.0 points
iii.	Legal Associate/ Land Records or Acquisition Specialist	2.0 points

Total Points (Key Professional Staff)

3. Financial Capability (Max. Marks = 3)

Note: Bidder (in the case of Consortium, each member as applicable) to submit audited financial statements of last three years. However, In case of a Consortium, financial capability of the Consortium members collectively will be considered.

3.1 Average annual turn-over of last three (3) years

i.	≥ PKR 500 million	3.0 points
ii.	≥ PKR 300 million and < PKR 500 million	2.0 points
iii.	≥ PKR 150 million and < PKR 300 million	1.0 points

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4.	Understanding of the Assignment and Proposed Methodology (Max. Marks = 12)	4.1	Understanding of the Assignment and Proposed Methodology with Work Plan containing pragmatic approaches, including those mentioned below, towards achieving the Assignment's desired objectives and targeted milestones set in TOR within the stipulated timelines:				
			i. Appreciation and clarity of the Project with evidence of site visit;	2.0 points			
			ii. Understanding of the Assignment's objectives; iii. Proposed quality methodology (concise, clear, and complete) for undertaking the Assignment;	2.0 points 4.0 points			
			iv. Suggested changes for improvements the Assignment's TORs;v. Work plan and staffing schedule;	2.0 points 1.0 point			
			vi. Existing commitments, engagements, and available strength with justification.	1.0 point			
	` ' '		standing of the Assignment and Proposed Methodology)				
	d Total Points (Technical Evaluation fving Points	on Cri	leria)				

Note: Bidder (individual firm or Consortium) must attain at least 70 points St to qualify for the opening of its Financial Proposal.

	Key Professional Staff (Points Weightage Assigned to Each Individual based on Qualification and Experience)								
Sr.	Sr. Key Professional Maximum Weightage (Qualification 25% and Relevant Experience 3 Staff								
1.	Financial Team	Qualification	Weight	Relevant Experience	Weight				
1.1	Financial Team Leader	CA/ CFA/ ICMA/ ACCA/ MBA (Finance) or equivalent	25%	≥ 10 years' experience in infrastructure related transaction advisory services	75%				
		Bachelor in Finance/ Accounting/ BA (Finance) or equivalent	15%	≥ 7 years and < 10 years ≥ 5 years and < 7 years ≥ 3 years and < 5 years	60% 40% 20%				
1.2	Project Finance Specialist	CA/ CFA/ ICMA/ ACCA/ MBA (Finance) or equivalent	25%	≥ 10 years' experience in developing financial models/ financial structuring for infrastructure related projects	75%				
		Bachelor in Finance/ Accounting/ BA (Finance) or equivalent	15%	≥ 7 years and < 10 years ≥ 5 years and < 7 years ≥ 3 years and < 5 years	60% 40% 20%				
2.	Technical Team								
2.1	Technical Team Leader	Master in Project Management/ Civil Engineering/ Water Resources Engineering/ Integrated Water Resources Management/ Hydraulic Engineering or equivalent	25%	≥ 20 years of experience in planning, designing, and leading or executing infrastructure and/ or water related projects	75%				
		Bachelor in Project Management/ Civil Engineering/ Water Resources Engineering/ Integrated Water Resources Management/ Hydraulic Engineering or equivalent	15%	≥ 15 years and < 20 years	60%				
2.2	Water Resources Management Specialist	Master in Civil Engineering/ Water Resources Engineering/ Integrated Water Resources Management or equivalent	25%	≥ 20 years of experience in planning, designing, and leading or executing of water related projects	75%				

		Bachelor in Civil Engineering/ Water	15%	≥ 15 years and < 20 years	60%
		Resources Engineering/ Integrated		≥ 10 years and < 15 years	40%
		Water Resources Management or equivalent		≥ 7 years and < 10 years	20%
2.3	Structural Design Engineer	Master in Structural Engineering or equivalent	25%	≥ 20 years of experience in structural design of infrastructure development projects	75%
		Bachelor in Civil Engineering	15%	≥ 15 years and < 20 years	60%
				≥ 10 years and < 15 years	40%
				≥ 7 years and < 10 years	20%
2.4	Mechanical Design Engineer	Master in Mechanical Engineering/ Mechatronics or equivalent	25%	≥ 20 years of experience in designing mechanical works of similar nature projects such as membrane and non-membrane-based treatment plants, pumps, plumbing or operation & maintenance of water treatment plants	75%
		Bachelor in Mechanical Engineering/	15%	≥ 15 years and < 20 years	60%
		Electrical Engineering/ Mechatronics or		≥ 10 years and < 15 years	40%
		equivalent		≥ 7 years and < 10 years	20%
2.5	Infrastructure	Master in Civil Engineering/	25%	≥ 20 years of experience in planning, designing, and	75%
	Engineer	Architecture/Construction or equivalent		overseeing infrastructure development projects	
		Bachelor in Civil Engineering	15%	≥ 15 years and < 20 years	60%
				≥ 10 years and < 15 years	40%
				≥ 7 years and < 10 years	20%
2.6	Civil Engineer	Master in Civil Engineering/ Construction Management or equivalent	25%	≥ 20 years of experience in preparing and assessment of plans, schedules, budgets, and bill of quantities relating to infrastructure development projects	75%
		Bachelor in Civil Engineering	15%	≥ 15 years and < 20 years	60%
				≥ 10 years and < 15 years	40%
				≥ 7 years and < 10 years	20%
2.7	Quantity Surveyor	Bachelor/ B-Tech in Civil Engineering category	25%	≥ 20 years of experience in preparing budget plans, schedules, assessment of claims, estimates of quantities, and various payments certificates relating to infrastructure development projects	75%
		DAE in Civil Engineering	15%	≥ 15 years and < 20 years	60%
				≥ 10 years and < 15 years	40%

				≥ 7 years and < 10 years	20%
2.8	Material Engineer	Master in Geology or equivalent with Bachelor in Civil Engineering/ Geology or equivalent	25%	≥ 20 years of experience in engineering designing and testing material specifications for construction of infrastructure development projects	75%
		Bachelor in Civil Engineering/ Geology	15%	≥ 15 years and < 20 years	60%
		or equivalent		≥ 10 years and < 15 years	40%
				≥ 7 years and < 10 years	20%
2.9	Geotechnical/ GIS Expert	Master in Geo-Informatics/ Earth Sciences/ Computer Engineering/ Geology or equivalent	25%	≥ 15 years' experience in developing and/ or managing and analyzing the GIS database	75%
		Bachelor in Geo-Informatics/ Earth	15%	≥ 10 years and < 15 years	60%
		Sciences/ Computer Engineering/		≥ 7 years and < 10 years	40%
		Geology or equivalent		≥ 5 years and < 7 years	20%
2.10	Architect	Master in Civil Engineering/ Architect/ Town Planning/ Urban Planning or equivalent	25%	≥ 15 years of experience in planning, designing or managing design and construction of infrastructure development projects	75%
		Master in Civil Engineering/ Architect/	15%	≥ 10 years and < 15 years	60%
		Town Planning/ Urban Planning or		≥ 7 years and < 10 years	40%
		equivalent		≥ 5 years and < 7 years	20%
2.10	Electrical Engineer	Master in Electrical Engineering/ Renewable Energy/ Energy Management or equivalent	25%	≥ 15 years of experience in designing, developing and managing electrical and instrumentation works of EPC projects or designing, developing and maintaining electrical systems for water related projects	75%
		Bachelor in Electrical Engineering/	15%	≥ 10 years and < 15 years	60%
		Renewable Energy/ Energy		≥ 7 years and < 10 years	40%
		Management or equivalent		≥ 5 years and < 7 years	20%
2.11	Environment Specialist	Master in Environmental Engineering or allied Environmental Sciences/Management	25%	≥ 15 years' experience in conducting various environment-related assessment studies for infrastructure projects	75%
		Bachelor in Environmental Sciences or	15%	≥ 10 years and < 15 years	60%
		equivalent		≥ 7 years and < 10 years	40%
				≥ 5 years and < 7 years	20%

2.12	Social Safeguards Expert	Master in Social Sciences or equivalent	25%	≥ 15 years' experience in conducting studies pertaining to social aspects such as baseline/demographic studies, involuntary resettlement studies and plans, as per national/ provincial guidelines or IFIs standards.	75%
		Bachelor in Social Sciences or	15%	≥ 10 years and < 15 years	60%
		equivalent		≥ 7 years and < 10 years	40%
				≥ 5 years and < 7 years	20%
4.	Legal Team		ı		
4.1	Legal Team Leader	LLM/ Bar at Law/ JD or equivalent	25%	≥ 10 years' experience of legal advisory on infrastructure development projects	75%
		LLB or equivalent	15%	≥ 7 years and < 10 years	60%
				≥ 5 years and < 7 years	40%
				≥ 3 years and < 5 years	20%
4.2	Legal Expert	LLM/ Bar at Law/ JD or equivalent	25%	≥ 10 years' experience of drafting procurement documents e.g., EOIs, RFQ, RFP, Concession/ PPP agreements/ EPC contracts/ agreement negotiations	75%
		LLB or equivalent	15%	≥ 7 years and < 10 years	60%
				≥ 5 years and < 7 years	40%
				≥ 3 years and < 5 years	20%
4.3	Legal Associate/ Land Records or Acquisition Specialist	LLM/ Bar at Law/ JD/ Masters in Land Administration/ Land Management or equivalent	25%	≥ 10 years' experience in land management issues and research/ land related legal matters	75%
		LLB/ Bachelors in Land Administration/	15%	≥ 7 years and < 10 years	60%
		Land Management or equivalent		≥ 5 years and < 7 years	40%
				≥ 3 years and < 5 years	20%

Section III - Technical Proposal

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Form Tech-1. Technical Proposal Submission Form

[Location, Date]

To: [Name and address of the Procuring Agency]

Dear Sirs:

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting services for [Insert title of Assignment] in accordance with your Request for Proposal dated [Insert Date] and our Proposal. We are hereby submitting our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal, and a Financial Proposal sealed under a separate envelope.

We hereby declare that all the information and statements made in this Proposal are true and accept that any misinterpretation contained in it may lead to our disqualification.

If negotiations are held during the period of validity of the Proposal, i.e., before the date indicated in the Data Sheet, we undertake to negotiate on the basis of the proposed staff. Our Proposal is binding upon us and subject to the modifications resulting from Contract negotiations.

We undertake, if our Proposal is accepted, to initiate the consulting services related to the Assignment not later than the date indicated in the Data Sheet.

We understand you are not bound to accept any Proposal you receive.

We remain,

Authorized Signature [In full and initials]:
Name and Title of Signatory:
Name of Firm:
Address:

Form Tech-2. Consultant's Organization and Experience

A. Consultant's Organization

[Provide here a brief (preferably not more than five pages) description of the background and organization of your firm/ entity and each associate for this Assignment.]

B. Consultant's Experience

[Using the format below, provide information on each assignment for which your firm, and each associate for this Assignment, was legally contracted either individually or as a corporate entity or as one of the major companies within an association, for carrying out consulting services similar to the ones requested under this Assignment. Use 50 pages.]

Assignment name:	Approximate value of contract (PKR):				
Country: Location within country:	Duration of Assignment (months):				
Name of procuring agency or purchaser:	Total No of staff-months of the Assignment:				
Address:	Approx. value of the services provided by your firm under the contract (PKR):				
Start date (month/ year): Completion date (month/ year):	No of professional staff-months provided by associated Consultants:				
Name of associated Consultants, if any:	Name of senior professional staff of your firm involved and functions performed (indicate most significant profiles such as Project Director/Coordinator, Team Leader):				
Narrative description of Project:					
Description of actual services provided by your staff within the assignment:					
Firm's Name:					

Form Tech-3. Comments and Suggestions on the Terms of Reference and on Counterpart Staff and Facilities to be provided by the Procuring Agency

A. On the Terms of Reference

[Present and justify here any modifications or improvement to the Terms of Reference you are proposing to improve performance in carrying out the Assignment (such as deleting some activity you consider unnecessary, or adding another, or proposing a different phasing of the activities). Such suggestions should be concise and to the point, and incorporated in your Proposal. Suggested changes for the improvement of the Assignment's Terms of Reference as part of the Form Tech-4 may also be reflected under this section.]

B. On Counterpart Staff and Facilities

[Comment here on the counterpart staff and/ or facilities to be provided by the Procuring Agency according to Paragraph Reference 2.5 of the Data Sheet including: administrative support, office space, local transportation, equipment, data, etc.]

Form Tech-4. Description of Approach, Methodology and Work Plan for Performing the Assignment

[Technical approach, methodology and work plan are key components of the Technical Proposal. Bidders are suggested to present their Technical Proposal (20 pages, preferably not exceeding 2,000 words per component – inclusive of charts and diagrams) divided into the following three chapters:]

- a. Technical Approach and Methodology,
- b. Work Plan, and
- c. Organization and Staffing;
- a) Technical Approach and Methodology. In this chapter, the Bidder should explain the understanding of the Assignment, approach to the services, methodology for carrying out the activities and obtaining the expected output, and the degree of detail of such output. The Bidder should highlight the problems being addressed and their importance and explain the technical approach the Bidder would adopt to address them. The Bidder should also explain the methodologies proposed to adopt and highlight the compatibility of those methodologies with the proposed approach. In addition, the Bidder shall suggest and address the following components separately using the bullet points (mention 'None' against the respective heading if no explanation or comments are required to be proposed by a Bidder):
 - Appreciation and clarity of the Project with photographic evidence of site visit;
 - Understanding of the Assignment's objectives;
 - Proposed quality methodology (concise, clear, and complete) for undertaking the Assignment;
 - Suggested changes for the improvement of the Assignment's Terms of Reference (the proposed suggestions and changes may include offering additional key tasks or resources reasonably required for bringing value additions or innovations for undertaking the Assignment);
 - Existing commitments, engagements, and available strength with justification.
- b) Work Plan. In this chapter, the Bidder should propose the main activities of the Assignment, their content and duration, phasing and interrelations, milestones (including interim approvals by the Procuring Agency), and delivery dates of the reports. The proposed work plan should be consistent with the technical approach and methodology, showing an understanding of the TOR and the ability to translate them into a feasible working plan. A list of the final documents, including reports, drawings, and tables to be delivered as final output, should be included here. The work plan should be consistent with the Work Schedule of Form TECH-8.
- c) Organization and Staffing. In this chapter, the Bidder should propose the structure and composition of the team. The Bidder should list the main disciplines of the Assignment, the key expert responsible, and proposed technical and support staff.]

Form Tech-5. Team Composition and Task Assignments

Professional Staff								
Name of Staff	Firm	Area of	Position	Task				
		Expertise	Assigned	Assigned				
		•						

Form Tech-6. Curriculum Vitae (CV) for Proposed Professional Staff

1.	Proposed Position (only one candidate shall	be nominated for each position):
2.	Name of Firm (insert name of firm proposing	the staff):
3.	Name of Staff [Insert full name]:	
4.	Date of Birth:	_ Nationality:
5.	Education [Indicate college/university and sp giving names of institutions, degrees obtained	
6.	Membership of Professional Associations	:
7.	Other Training [Indicate significant training were obtained]:	
8.	Countries of Work Experience [List countries ten years]:	
9.	Languages [For each language indicate speaking, reading, and writing]:	
10	Employment Record [Starting with present employment held by staff member since grad (see format here below): dates of employme positions held]: From [Year]: Employer:	duation, giving for each employment nt, name of employing organization,
11	. Detailed Tasks Assigned [List all tasks to be	
12	Assigned [Among the Assignments in which following information for those Assignments the tasks listed under point 11.]: Name of Assignment or project: Location: Main project features: Activities performed:	the staff has been involved, indicate hat illustrate staff capability to handle Year: PA: Positions held:
13	. Certificate	
de mi	he undersigned, certify that to the best of my krescribes me, my qualifications, and my experiesstatement described herein may lead to regaged.	ence. I understand that any wilful ny disqualification or dismissal, if
[Si	ignature of staff member or authorized represe	Date: entative of the staff] Day/Month/ Year
Fu	ıll name of authorized representative:	

Form Tech-7. Staffing Schedule⁵

No	Name of Staff Staff Input (in the form of bar chart) ⁶								Total Staff-Month Input								
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	N	Home	Field ⁷	Total
Fore	eign																
1		[Home]															
		[Field]															
2																	
3																	
N																	
I				L	I	1	1	I.	Subto	tal	I	I.					
Loc	al								•						•	•	•
1		[Home]															
		[Field]															
2																	
3																	
N																	
[1		1	1	L	L	I	Subto	tal	1	1					
									Total								

For Professional Staff the input should be indicated individually; for Support Staff it should be indicated by category (e.g.: draftsmen, clerical staff, etc.).
For Months are counted from the start of the Assignment. For each staff indicate separately staff input for home and field work.
Field work means work carried out at a place other than the Consultant's hom/e office.

Form Tech-8. Work Schedule

No	Activity ⁸						I	Months	9	Months ⁹								
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	N				
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Indicate all main activities of the Assignment, including delivery of reports (e.g.: inception, interim, and final reports), and other benchmarks such as Procuring Agency approvals. For phased Assignments indicate activities, delivery of reports, and benchmarks separately for each phase.
 Duration of activities shall be indicated in the form of a bar chart.

Section IV – Financial Proposal

Standard Forms

[Comments in brackets [] provide guidance to the Consultants for the preparation of their Financial Proposals; they should be deleted from the Financial Proposals to be submitted.]

[Financial Proposal standard forms shall be used for the preparation of the Financial Proposal in accordance with ITC Clauses 13.2 & 24.1 of Section 2 of the RFP Document.]

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Form FIN-1. Financial Proposal Submission Form

[Location, Date]

To: [Name and address of PA]

Dear Sirs:

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting services for [Insert title of Assignment] in accordance with your Request for Proposal dated [Insert Date] and our Technical Proposal. Our attached Financial Proposal is for the sum of [Insert amount(s) in words and figures¹⁰].

Our Financial Proposal shall be binding upon us subject to the modifications resulting from Contract negotiations, up to expiration of the validity period of the Proposal, i.e. before the date indicated in Paragraph Reference 9.1 of the Data Sheet.

Commissions and gratuities paid or to be paid by us to agents relating to this Proposal and Contract execution, if we are awarded the Contract, are listed below¹¹:

Name and Address of Agents	Amount and Currency	Purpose of Commission or Gratuity
We understand you are not l	bound to accept any Propos	al you receive.
We remain,		
Yours sincerely,		
Authorized Signature [In full	and initials]:	
Name and Title of Signatory	:	
Name of Firm:		
Address:		

¹⁰ Amounts must coincide with the ones indicated under Total Cost of Financial proposal in Form FIN-2

¹¹ If applicable, replace this paragraph with: "No commissions or gratuities have been or are to paid by us to agents relating to this Proposal and Contract execution."

Form FIN-2. Summary of Costs¹²

Item No.	Description of Services	Costs (in PKR)
1.	 Phase I – Transaction Preparation Inception Report USP Preliminary Evaluation Report Technical Feasibility Report Feasibility Study Site Selection Detailed Design and Engineering Quantitative Assessment of Water Supply and Demand Land Acquisition Report Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Economic and Financial Viability Assessment Report Legal, Institutional & Regulatory Assessment Report Market Assessment Report PPP Options Analysis, Risk Allocation Matrix & Value for Money Analysis Report 	
2.	 Phase II: Transaction Implementation Marketing and Submission of Bidding Package Submission of Bid Evaluation Report Issuance of Letter of Award/Acceptance 	
3.	Phase III: Transaction Negotiation & Financial Close Transaction negotiation and signing of Concession Financial Close	
i otai C	cost of Financial Proposal (inclusive of all the taxes) ¹³	

¹² The Bidder may update this form considering its own requirement; however, the payment shall be made as per the milestones satisfactory completed and defined under the Conditions of Contract of RFP Document.

¹³ Total cost must be inclusive of all applicable taxes as payble by the Consultant according to law of the land. This cost shall cover all the costs associated with performing the Assignment as detailed under the TOR. The Contract Price payments shall be made in accordance with the Conditions of Contract available with the RFP.

Form FIN-3. Breakdown of Costs by Activity¹⁴

Group of Activities: 15	Description: 16			
Cost Component		Со	sts ¹⁷	
	[Indicate Foreign Currency # 1]	[Indicate Foreign Currency # 2]	[Indicate Foreign Currency # 3]	[Indicate Local Currency]
Remuneration ¹⁸	-	-	_	
Reimbursable Expenses				
Subtotals				

NOT APPLICABLE

¹⁴ Form FIN-3, if applicable, shall be filled at least for the whole Assignment. In case some of the activities require different modes of billing and payment (e.g.: the Assignment is phased, and each phase has a different payment schedule), the Consultant shall fill a separate Form FIN-3 for each group of activities. For each currency, the sum of the relevant Subtotals of all Forms FIN-3 provided must coincide with the Total Costs of Financial Proposal indicated in Form FIN-2.

¹⁵ Names of activities (phase) should be the same as, or correspond to the ones indicated in the second column of Form TECH-8

¹⁶ Short description of the activities whose cost breakdown is provided in this Form.

¹⁷ Indicate between brackets the name of the foreign currency, use the same columns and currencies of Form FIN-2.

¹⁸ For each currency, Remuneration and Reimbursable Expenses must respectively coincide with relevant total costs indicated in Forms FIN-4, and FIN-5.

Form FIN-4. Breakdown of Remuneration¹⁹

[This Form FIN-4 shall only be used when it is indicated in Reference Paragraph 14.1 of the Data Sheet that remuneration shall be Time Based]

Group of Activiti	Group of Activities:								
Name ²⁰	Position ²¹	Staff-month Rate ²²	Input ²³ (Staff-months)	[Indicate Foreign Currency # 1]	[Indicate Foreign Currency # 2]	[Indicate Foreign Currency # 1]	[Indicate Local Currency]		
Foreign Staff			-						
-		[Home]							
		[Field]							
Local									
		[Home]							
		[Field]							
			Total Costs						

NOT APPLICABLE

¹⁹ Form FIN-4 shall be filled for each of the Forms FIN-3 provided.
²⁰ Professional Staff should be indicated individually; Support Staff should be indicated per category (e.g.: draftsmen, clerical staff).

²¹ Positions of Professional Staff shall coincide with the ones indicated in Form TECH-5.

²² Indicate separately staff-month rate and currency for home and field work.

²³ Indicate, separately for home and field work, the total expected input of staff for carrying out the group of activities or phase indicated in the Form.

²⁴ Indicate between brackets the name of the foreign currency. Use the same columns and currencies of Form FIN-2. For each staff indicate the remuneration in the column of the relevant currency, separately for home and field work. Remuneration = Staff-month Rate x Input.

Form FIN-4. Breakdown of Remuneration²⁵

[This Form FIN-4 shall only be used when it is indicated in Reference Paragraph 14.1 of the Data Sheet that remuneration shall be Lump-Sum. Information to be provided in this Form shall only be used to establish payments to the Consultant for possible additional services requested by the PA].

Name ²⁶	Position ²⁷	Staff-month Rate ²⁸
Foreign Staff		·
		[Home]
		[Field]
Local Staff		
		[Home]
		[Field]

²⁵ Form FIN-4 shall be filled in for the same Professional and Support Staff listed in Form TECH-7.

²⁶ Professional Staff should be indicated individually; support staff should be indicated per category (e.g. draftsmen, clerical staff).

²⁷ Positions of the Professional Staff shall coincide with the ones indicated in Form TECH-5.

²⁸ Indicate separately staff-month rate and currency for home and field work.

Form FIN-5. Breakdown of Reimbursable Expenses²⁹

[This Form FIN-5 shall only be used when it is indicated in Reference Paragraph 5.6 of the Data Sheet that remuneration shall be Time Based]

No	Description ³⁰	Unit	Unit Cost ³¹	Quantity	[Indicate Foreign Currency # 1] ³²	[Indicate Foreign Currency # 2]	[Indicate Foreign Currency # 1]	[Indicate Local Currency]
	Per diem allowances	Day						
	International flights ³³	Trip						
	Miscellaneous travel expenses	Trip						
	Communication costs between [Insert place]							
	Drafting, reproduction of reports							
	Equipment, instruments, materials, supplies, etc.							
	Shipment of personal effects	Trip						
	Use of computers, software	•						
	Laboratory tests							
	Subcontracts							
	Local transportation costs							
	Office rent, clerical assistance							
•	Training of the PA's personnel ³⁴							

NOT APPLICABLE

²⁹ Form FIN-5 should be filled for each of the Forms FIN-3 provided, if needed.

³⁰ Delete items that are not applicable or add other items according to Paragraph Reference 3.6 of the Data Sheet.

³¹ Indicate unit cost and currency.

³² Indicate between brackets the name of the foreign currency. Use the same columns and currencies of Form FIN2. Indicate the cost of each reimbursable item in the column of the relevant currency. Cost = Unit Cost x Quantity.

³³ Indicate route of each flight, and if the trip is one- or two-ways.

³⁴ Only if the training is a major component of the Assignment, defined as such in the Data Sheet or TOR.

Form FIN-5. Breakdown of Expenses

[This Form FIN-5 shall only be used when it is indicated in Reference Paragraph 14.1 of the Data Sheet that remuneration shall be Lump Sum. Information to be provided in this Form shall only be used to establish payments to Consultant for possible additional services requested by the PA]

No	Description ³⁵	Unit	Unit Cost ³⁶
	Per diem allowances	Day	
	International flights ³⁷	Trip	
	Miscellaneous travel expenses	Trip	
	Communication costs between [Insert place] and [Insert place]		
	Drafting, reproduction of reports		
	Equipment, instruments, materials supplies, etc.		
	Shipment of personal effects	Trip	
	Use of computers, software		
	Laboratory tests		
	Subcontracts		
	Local transportation costs		
	Office rent, clerical assistance		
	Training of the PA's personnel ³⁸		

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³⁵ Delete items that are not applicable or add items according to Paragraph Reference 3.6 of the Data Sheet.

³⁶ Indicate unit cost and currency.³⁷ Indicate route of each flight, and if the trip is one- or two-ways.

³⁸ Only if the training is a major component of the Assignment, defined as such in the Data Sheet or TOR.

Appendix. Financial Negotiations – Breakdown of Remuneration Rates

(Not to be used when cost is a factor in the evaluation of Proposals)

1. Review of Remuneration Rates

- 1.1 The remuneration rates for staff are made up of salary, social costs, overheads, fee that is profit, and any premium or allowance paid for Assignments away from headquarters. To assist the firm in preparing financial negotiations, a Sample Form giving a breakdown of rates is attached (no financial information should be included in the Technical Proposal). Agreed breakdown sheets shall form part of the negotiated contract.
- 1.2 The Procuring Agency is charged with the custody of funds from Government of Sindh and is expected to exercise prudence in the expenditure of these funds. The Procuring Agency is, therefore, concerned with the reasonableness of the firm's Financial Proposal, and, during negotiations, it expects to be able to review audited financial statements backing up the firm's remuneration rates, certified by an independent auditor. The firm shall be prepared to disclose such audited financial statements for the last three years, to substantiate its rates, and accept that its proposed rates and other financial matters are subject to scrutiny. Rate details are discussed below.
 - i. Salary: This is the gross regular cash salary paid to the individual in the firm's home office. It shall not contain any premium for work away from headquarters or bonus.
 - ii. Social Costs: Social costs are the costs to the firm of staff's non-monetary benefits. These items include, inter alia, social security including pension, medical and life insurance costs, and the cost of a staff member being sick or on vacation. In this regard, the cost of leave for public holidays is not an acceptable social cost nor is the cost of leave taken during an Assignment if no additional staff replacement has been provided. Additional leave taken at the end of an Assignment in accordance with the firm's leave policy is acceptable as a social cost.
 - **iii. Cost of Leave:** The principles of calculating the cost of total days leave per annum as a percentage of basic salary shall normally be as follows:

Leave cost as per percentage of salary³⁹ =
$$\frac{Total \ days \ leave \ x \ 100}{[365 - w - ph - v - s]}$$

It is important to note that leave can be considered a social cost only if the Procuring Agency is not charged for the leave taken.

iv. Overheads: Overhead expenses are the firm's business costs that are not directly related to the execution of the Assignment and shall not be

³⁹ Where w = weekends, ph = public holidays, v = vacation, and s = sick leave.

reimbursed as separate items under the contract. Typical items are home office costs (partner's time, nonbillable time, time of senior staff monitoring the project, rent, support staff, research, staff training, marketing, etc.), the cost of staff not currently employed on revenue-earning projects, taxes on business activities and business promotion costs. During negotiations, audited financial statements, certified as correct by an independent auditor and supporting the last three years' overheads, shall be available for discussion, together with detailed lists of items making up the overheads and the percentage by which each relates to basic salary. The Procuring Agency does not accept an add-on margin for social charges, overhead expenses, etc., for staff who are not permanent employees of the firm. In such case, the firm shall be entitled only to administrative costs and fee on the monthly payments charged for subcontracted staff.

- v. Fee or Profit: The fee or profit shall be based on the sum of the salary, social costs, and overhead. If any bonuses paid on a regular basis are listed, a corresponding reduction in the profit element shall be expected. Fee or profit shall not be allowed on travel or other reimbursable expenses, unless in the latter case an unusually large amount of procurement of equipment is required. The firm shall note that payments shall be made against an agreed estimated payment schedule as described in the draft form of the contract.
- vi. Away from Headquarters Allowance or Premium: Some Consultants pay allowances to staff working away from headquarters. Such allowances are calculated as a percentage of salary and shall not draw overheads or profit.
- **vii.** Subsistence Allowances: Subsistence allowances are not included in rates, but are paid separately and in local currency. No additional subsistence is payable for dependents-subsistence rate shall be same for married and single team members.
- **viii.** Standard rates for the particular country may be used as reference to determine subsistence allowances.

2. Reimbursable Expenses

2.1 Financial negotiations shall further focus on such items as out-of-pocket expenses and other reimbursable expenses. These costs may include, but are not restricted to, cost of surveys, equipment, office rent, supplies, international and local travel, computer rental, mobilization and demobilization, insurance, and printing. These costs may be either unit rates or reimbursable on the presentation of invoices, in foreign or local currency.

3. Procuring Agency Guarantee

3.1 The Payments to the firm, including payment of any advance based on cash flow projections covered by a Procuring Agency guarantee, shall be made according to an agreed estimated schedule ensuring the Consultant regular payments in local and foreign currency, as long as the services proceed as planned.

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Sample Form

	sulting Firm: ignment:	Country: Date:				
	Consult's Representation	Regarding Costs and Charges				
We	hereby confirm that:					
a.	the basic salaries indicated in the attached table are taken from the firm's payroll records and reflect the current salaries of the staff members listed which have not been raised other than within the normal annual salary increase policy as applied to all the firm's staff;					
b.	attached are true copies of the latest salary slips of the staff members listed;					
C.	the away from headquarters allowances indicated below are those that the Consultants have agreed to pay for this Assignment to the staff members listed;					
d.	the factors listed in the attached table for social charges and overhead are based on the firm's average cost experiences for the latest three years as represented by the firm's financial statements; and					
e.	said factors for overhead and social charges do not include any bonuses or other means of profit-sharing					
[Nai	me of Consulting Firm]	_				
Sigi	nature of Authorized Representative	Date				
Nan	ne:					
Title	:					

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Consultant's Representation Regarding Costs and Charges

(Expressed in [insert name of currency])

Personnel		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Name	Position	Basic Salary per Working Month/ Day/ Year	Social Charges ⁴⁰	Overhead	Subtotal	Fee ⁴¹	Away from Headquarter Allowance	Proposed Fixed Rate per Working Month/ Day/ Hour	Proposed Fixed Rate per Working Month/ Day/ Hour
Head	Office								
Fie	eld								

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⁴⁰ Expressed as percentage of 141 Expressed as percentage of 4

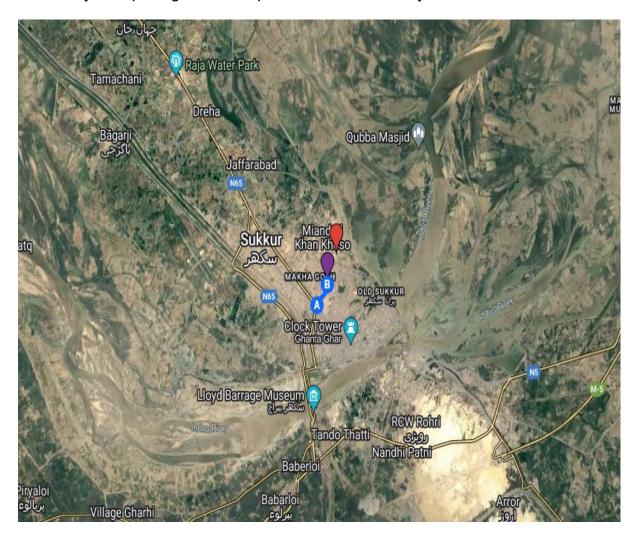
Section V – Terms of Reference

SUMMARY/ OVERVIEW OF THE ASSIGNMENT				
Procuring Agency	Sukkur Municipal Corporation			
Assignment Title	Feasibility study and transaction advisory services for rehabilitation and development of water distribution system in Sukkur under public-private partnership mode			
Assignment Description	Under this Assignment, the Consultant shall be required to undertake the activities in three dependent and sequential phases: i. Transaction Preparation, ii. Bid Management; and iii. Transaction Negotiation & Achievement of Financing Close subject to the approval of Competent Authority, i.e., the PPP Policy Board, at each phase.			
	The initial phase shall require the Consultant to independently and objectively review and assess the Project's legal viability considering the USP and standalone basis based on available and collected information (master plan, reports, existing and proposed facilities/ plant & machinery, infrastructure requirements, demand, facilities/ utilities), review institutional and regulatory framework, undertake the legal assessment, and submit recommendations with next course of action in line with applicable laws to the Procuring Agency. In case of the Project's legal viability and upon satisfaction of the Procuring Agency, the Consultant shall undertake and validate Project's technical, financial, environmental assessment and devise a plan to undertake Project with the most preferred PPP option considering the factors, such as value for money, cost-benefit, SWOT, risk analysis at all stages of Project's development. Subsequently, upon satisfactory completion of the first phase, the Consultant will require to develop a marketing strategy to sensitize potential investors' participation in the Project's procurement, assist the Procuring Agency while undertaking			
	the procurement, including biddings, transaction negotiations, and then achieve financial closure as further detailed in the TOR's Assignment Scope.			
Contract Duration	Fourteen (14) months			
Contract Type	Lump-sum or fixed			
Procurement Framework	Sindh Public Procurement Act, 2009, including the SPP Rules, Regulations, Orders or Instructions framed thereunder.			
Market Approach	National competitive bidding			
Selection Method	Quality cost-based selection			
Commencement Date (Expected)	14 th March 2024 or immediately after signing Contract.			

1. PROJECT BACKGROUND

Sukkur is a city in the province of Sindh, Pakistan, located on the west bank of the Indus River. It is one of the economic hubs of Sindh Province. The city is spread over about 9,000 acres with a population of about six lacs. The city's water situation has been a concern for some time due to various factors, including a growing population, water scarcity, and inadequate infrastructure.

Sukkur is situated in an arid region of Pakistan where water resources are scarce, and the Indus River is the primary source of water for the city. However, the river's water is often heavily contaminated due to industrial and agricultural runoff, which poses a severe threat to public health. In addition, city's population has been increasing rapidly in recent years, putting additional pressure on the already limited water resources.



According to a report by the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR), the water quality in Sukkur is generally poor, with high levels of total dissolved solids (TDS) and bacteria. The report also found that many of the city's drinking water supply schemes were either non-functional or not meeting the World Health Organization's (WHO) drinking water quality standards.

To address the water crisis in Sukkur, the Government has undertaken several initiatives, including the construction of new water treatment plants and the

rehabilitation of existing ones. The Government is also working to improve the efficiency of the city's water supply and distribution systems, as well as promoting water conservation and public awareness campaigns.

Despite these efforts, the water situation in Sukkur remains challenging, and the city's residents continue to face water shortages, poor water quality, and inadequate access to sanitation facilities. As such, there is a need for continued investment in the city's water infrastructure and management to ensure sustainable and equitable access to water for all residents.

The current need for a filtered water supply is 22.91 MGD (millions of gallons per day), against which the Procuring Agency can produce only 7.5 MGD filtered water; the same is true for the transmission and treatment of domestic wastewater. On the other water distribution network is old and intermixing with sewage is widely reported as old pipe bodies and joints are perforated. Several old pipes used are made of asbestos cement that has been banned from being used for drinking water. The world has set several successful models to address similar situations through various PPP models.

In line with the above, the Procuring Agency received an Unsolicited Proposal ('USP') from a private party ('USP Developer') for the rehabilitation and development of the water distribution system, with the following facilities, in Sukkur under public-private partnership mode. The USP Developer proposed that it will not only aid in the overall objective of upgrading the existing system but also simultaneously provide the new system as per the requirements ('Project'):

- Rehabilitation of existing water treatment plants with a cumulative capacity of 7.5 MGD at Numaish Gah and Bunder Road with a total of 2.5 MGD and 5 MGD, respectively;
- Establishment of three new water treatment plants with a cumulative capacity of 42 MGD at Numaish Gah, Airport Road, and Bachal Shah with a capacity of 18 MGD, 18 MGD, and 6 MGD, respectively;
- Establishment of advanced filtration beds with a capacity of 3 MGD at the Bunder Road waterworks facility;
- Construction of settlement tanks on Bukkur Island spanning across 3 acres, as well as near the Numaish gah water works covering an area of 2 acres;
- Construction of new overhead tanks with a capacity of 200,000 gallons each in 8 distribution zones to improve the water distribution system;
- Comprehensive restoration of roads and pavers within the designated area, addressing their deterioration and ensuring their optimal functionality;
- Replacement of the old water mains and secondary water supply distribution network with new ones (along with flow meters) to ensure efficient water supply to the end consumers, etc.

2. PROJECT CONCEPTUALIZATION AND OBJECTIVES

The Project had been conceived by the USP Developer, which approached the Procuring Agency via the USP under Rule 15(A) of the SPP Rules. While unsolicited bids are permitted under the Sindh Public Procurement Act, 2009, and the SPP Rules framed thereunder, which prescribes a mechanism to initially ascertain the Project's USP viability through a Technical Committee and then, subject to the Project's viability,

initiating procurement process through open competitive bidding to achieve the competitive bid ('Best Evaluated Bid') for the Government. Under the SPP Rules, the USP Developer will, in case of bidding competition, have the first right of refusal or match and seek other benefits, including exemption from the prequalification process.

In compliance with the SPP Rules, the Procuring Agency formulated a Technical Committee that recommended engaging an independent firm having adequate capacity and capability in the relevant field to objectively ascertain the Project's viability in terms of legal, technical, financial, and other parameters, as applicable, considering the objectives for undertaking the Project's USP or standalone basis.

In this regard, the Procuring Agency now invites the sealed proposals from Eligible Bidders or Consultants (individual firms or Consortia, as the case may be) to conduct the feasibility study and transaction advisory services for Rehabilitation and Development of Water Distribution System Sukkur Under Public-Private Partnership mode ('Assignment') in accordance with the SPP Rules.

3. PROJECT RATIONALE AND OBJECTIVES

The Procuring Agency is exploring opportunities to address the water supply challenges in Sukkur by leveraging private sector expertise, improving infrastructure, ensuring financial sustainability, and delivering positive social, economic, and environmental outcomes for the community. In line with the objectives, the Procuring Agency has received a USP developed by a private sector entity, highlighting the Project's indicative objectives mentioned below:

- To ensure potable grade water provision to the water-starved areas of Sukkur;
- To upgrade and rehabilitate existing water distribution infrastructure in Sukkur to improve its efficiency, reliability, and performance in a sustainable manner;
- To minimize water losses due to leakages and inefficient distribution systems;
- To foster a collaborative and sustainable partnership between the public and private sectors to ensure the continued success of the water distribution;
- To make the city cleaner and greener in line with environmental requirements.

The Consultant/ Bidder, whose bid found and declared as the Most Advantageous Bid, shall provide transaction advisory support to the Procuring Agency in:

- Review the USP objectively and independently, considering the best practices;
- Structure a viable and bankable private sector concession;
- Select an experienced and credible private sector developer, through a transparent and competitive process, for undertaking Project and associated infrastructure in a financially, technically, environmentally sustainable manner.

The Consultant will assist the Procuring Agency in structuring and implementing the Project in a manner that achieves its objectives and provides the framework for a fair and transparent selection process for a private developer in line with good international industry practices and applicable Rules. The Bidder (in the case of a Consortium, the Lead Member) will perform the functions by mobilizing a team of specialized consultants, including financial, legal, and technical, in the Assignment's preparation and execution.

4. ASSIGNMENT SCOPE

The Consultant shall be required to conduct the Assignment in three (3) dependent and sequential phases. However, the Government reserves the right to terminate the Contract at the end of any phase if it is satisfied that proceeding further will not help achieve the Government's objectives or other conditions as stipulated in the Contract.

4.1. Phase I – Transaction Preparation: Specific objective of this phase is to initially assess the Project's USP supported with studies by objectively and independently analyzing the Project's overall legal viability assessment considering the SPP Act, 2009, and the Sindh PPP Act, 2010, including rules, regulations, policies, instructions framed thereunder, or any other applicable laws/ case laws/ reports/ relevant studies/ master plans, etc. and submit a report with recommendations to the Procuring Agency.

Given the Consultant's report, the Procuring Agency's Technical Committee shall review it and offer its recommendations on the USP's viability to proceed ahead with a detailed study or assessment of the Project, which shall require the Consultant to conduct or re-assess baseline surveys/ studies, review the existing and previous relevant studies, prepare a conceptual plan while conducting feasibility assessment, develop & evaluate/ prioritize various options to achieve objectives of Project and to provide a clear cut way forward to the Government, with regard to master planning, institutional arrangement, transaction structure, financial viability and socio-economic & environmental viability of the proposed development.

Consultants shall collect relevant data from all concerned departments, other relevant authorities, utility agencies, records of ongoing litigations, and other relevant/ pertinent information which may become useable in later stages of the work. Based on the acquired data, prepare a detailed master plan and PPP project proposal with the most preferred option for undertaking the Project. The reports, submitted from time to time, shall also fully capture all the information as necessary or available from the Procuring Agency in the form of previous studies/ reports (such as pre-feasibility and/ or feasibility studies concerning the water distribution system).

Specially, this phase shall include but not be limited to the following components:

- 4.1.1 Inception Report: The Consultant under this stage would be required to provide work breakdown structure, schedules with timelines along with critical milestones and methodology, team details, logistics plans, requirements from the Procuring Agency, and anticipated issues of the initiation of work for the Project. The report shall be prepared after conducting a detailed visit of the Project's sites by the successful Bidder's Key Professional Staff and Procuring Agency's representatives. However, the Consultant shall prepare a detailed analysis and plans for the Project's existing and proposed infrastructure facilities during the technical feasibility.
- **4.1.2 Unsolicited Proposal Preliminary Review:** This shall require Consultant to conduct:
 - I. Legal Viability Assessment or Due Diligence

Legal review of the Project's USP submitted by the USP Developer, based on available information. The review would include but not be limited to the evaluation of the USP from the perspective of private entity credibility, legal deal breakers, documentation, technical capability, technical and environmental aspects of the Project along with deal breakers/ red flags, financial strength to undertake the Project, cost estimates and robustness of financial proposal along with appropriate risk allocation for both public and private sectors. Under the SPP Rules, USP Developer will have the right of first refusal/ match and other benefits during the bidding stage (including pre-qualification). The Consultant will evaluate such provisions and analyze the options to limit these to enhance competition while keeping in view international best practices while ensuring compliance with Rules.

II. Review Technical Qualification/ Experience of the USP Developer, EPC & O&M Contractor, as applicable. Such review may include the following:

- Review of rehabilitation and/or construction of treatment plants and water distribution system experience
- Review of PPP experience;
- o Review of similar projects' operations experience;
- Review of planned human resource deployment.

III. Review of preliminary design & whole life cycle cost estimates

- Review of preliminary design documents, drawings, and reports (site reports, project implementation plan, work schedule, etc.) submitted as part of the USP, especially regarding their adequacy towards fulfilling the stated Project objectives. Review of cost estimates, bill of quantities, rate analysis, and comparison with international & local benchmarks. This review would cover capital investment and operating cost estimate;
- o Review of planned facility development costs proposed in the USP;
- Review of the technical solution of infrastructure, including the proposed equipment and machinery available for the realization of the Project;
- Review viability and definition of the scope of the Project along with other technical due diligence aspects of the Project in USP.

IV. Review of Construction and Operating Performance Standards

 Review and compare proposed construction and operation performance standards to international standards and standards set out in national and local laws and regulations.

V. Preliminary Review for the Fatal Flaw in the Project Documents (draft Concession Agreement/ Head of Terms), including

 Review and identify any gaps in the technical bankability aspects of the draft Concession Agreement, including proposed performance/ output

- indicators, responsibilities, and risk allocation between the private entity and the Procuring Agency;
- Review the Project implementation plan, if or as available, especially regarding its robustness, proposed construction completion period, and segregation of Project milestones.

VI. Preliminary Review from Environmental & Social Aspects

- Preliminary review from environmental and social perspective in comparison to SEPA and IFI(s) Performance Standards on Social & Environmental Sustainability and local laws, as applicable.
- **4.1.3 Technical Feasibility Study:** This shall require the Consultant to conduct the activities, which include but are not limited to the following:

I. Technical Due Diligence/ Feasibility

- Carry out surveys of the related infrastructure/ facilities for preparing the required interventions;
- Assess the existing available land and water resources at Project site;
- Conduct the baseline survey for water availability and water consumption of the public in the Project area and develop suitable alternative options for the public to fulfil shortfall of water consumption during the upgrade/rehabilitate existing water distribution infrastructure.
- Recommend options for the most favorable and suitable water treatment solution for the Project;
- Review all material/ documents, including construction drawings, maps, workplans, completion status, or other departmental studies/ reports;
- Carry out necessary water testing through renowned and accredited water testing labs to identify quality of existing water resources. Also, carry out a preliminary hydro-geological study using the available data;
- Carryout requisite topographical survey at suitable scale of identified sites to finalize the most suitable site and auxiliary components, including transportation mains storage sites, plant locations, etc.;
- Prepare GIS based mapping of identified sites containing existing and proposed infrastructure along with available water sources and all relevant data before proceeding to the detailed design stage;
- Carryout preliminary and detailed engineering design of the most suitable treatment technology for the identified sites, keeping under consideration but not limited to following factors such as available and freshly conducted water sampling, soil investigation studies, topographic survey, land availability/suitability and socio-economic conditions/requirements of the target serving areas;
- Categorize the Project on the standard requirements of SEPA and the relevant safeguards of International Financial Institutes (IFIs);
- Describe facilities in detail with the nature of installations and provisions of such facilities as part of the master plan;
- Prepare complete preliminary drawings, layout plans, and cost estimates for facilities proposed to be constructed and upgrading

- existing structures while focusing on feasible and economical technical solutions with high-end modern options;
- Prepare land acquisition folders along with a detailed compensation plan for the acquisition of Right of Way for each Project, separately considering the land acquisition & resettlement plan as mentioned below in B-IV;
- Prepare utilities/ infrastructures folders which include identification of all the utilities encountered along and/ or across the Right of Way along with the estimated cost associated with it for each Project, separately, in consultation with the relevant stakeholders:
- Prepare and submit a detailed plan leading to Project implementation (existing and proposed master plan to be scored against four characteristics, i.e., resilient, inclusive, attractive, and active);
- Outline the benefits that may be gained from the use of new technology;
- Propose modular development so the required interventions may be considered in terms of those that are considered essential. A comparative evaluation of all facility development options, including the 'Do-Minimum' scenario', where applicable, be carried out for each such alternative, considering operational, engineering, and other factors;
- Review a similar nature of a minimum five (5) successfully executed projects in the developed and developing countries and incorporate the successful or key factors for incorporation, if appropriate, in this Project;
- Prepare and submit a detailed technical viability report of the Project.
 Technical viability assessment should comply with the technical requirements as applicable under the regulatory standards and policy directives for the respective sector and should cover the following:
 - Project's design and output requirements, including major civil works and structures for each option;
 - Minimum performance standards and specifications;
 - Cost estimate (for each development alternative that identifies all major elements, including engineering, environmental mitigation, service diversion, accommodation works, land, and resettlement);
 - Operational & maintenance costs should be determined for each element of the alternative technical solutions;
 - Project lifecycle costs, including service requirements (scope and minimum characteristics of verifiable preliminary output specifications; requirements for an effective performance evaluation system that will create adequate and effective incentives during the life of the concession);
- Advise on requirements, as applicable, about the service handover to the Procuring Agency at the end of the concession.

II. Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA)

Note: Before commencing the ESIA study, the Consultant shall conduct the screening and categorization of the Project (by using ADB's standard Rapid Environment Assessment (REA), Indigenous People (IP), and Involuntary Resettlement (IR) checklists) to ascertain the environmental category and subsequent environmental study that needs to be conducted to fulfill the ADB and/or other applicable International Financial Institutions

(IFI) standards. The ESIA study needs to be carried out by the Consultant with the scope of activities not limited to the following:

- Conduct the ESIA study of the Project while considering all environmental and social aspects of the Project, as per national/ provincial laws/ guidelines and requirements of IFIs;
- o In addition to ESIA, other required instruments, e.g., Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP);
- Review and information/documentation collection of relevant environmental and social laws, regulations and water environmental quality including environmental quality report, environmental monitoring data, previous studies for key environmental and social issues; surface and groundwater monitoring data and related information;
- Conduct on site environmental monitoring for water, groundwater, air, noise, and any other parameters as needed, in order to get the baseline of the environmental condition;
- Recommend (a) measures to safeguard the environment before, during, and after implementation of the Project; (b) mitigation measures and the monitoring program, including cost implications and an institutional setup for implementing the program; and (c) responsible agency for environmental monitoring during project implementation. Above mentioned shall be included in EMP;
- Identify and assess the positive socio-economic impacts of the Project in terms of satisfying basic needs, alleviating poverty, generating employment, and reaching large population segments;
- Identify and assess adverse socio-economic impacts such as physical displacement, changes in access to resources, disruption to livelihoods, changes in social or economic standing, inequitable distribution of benefits and costs among stakeholders, and changes to patterns of behavior that would not be consistent with prevailing gender perceptions, social norms, and religious or cultural values;
- Determine whether the Project has negative impacts on particular categories of stakeholders, such as women and ethnic minorities;
- Highlight factors impacting the Project during the procurement, development, and operations phases;
- Recommend mitigation measures such as special institutional arrangements, arrangement of alternative residences for affected societies, and modifications in Project design;
- Estimate the cost of the recommend mitigation measures;
- Through effective Stakeholders Consultations, identify key stakeholders of the Project;
- Conduct stakeholder consultation for awareness and feedback;
- Recommend mechanisms for the continued involvement of key stakeholders in monitoring and evaluating Project impacts during implementation and operation.

III. Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan (LARP)

Note: Based on the identification and findings of the IR&IP categorization exercise at the inception report stage, the Consultant may be required to develop the LARP

that fulfils ADB and/ or other applicable International Financial Institutions (IFI) standards. The scope of activities envisaged in LARP will include but not be limited to the following:

- Prepare a detailed land acquisition plan, including the scope of land acquisition; description of land ownership and availability; discussion of legal issues (if any); implementation schedule and procedure for land acquisition, and cost estimates;
- Prepare an estimated cost for compensation of land acquisition in accordance with all the requirements in line with applicable laws; and
- Prepare a detailed resettlement plan, including a list of affected people; entitlement policy and compensation policies, institutional arrangements, public participation, consultation, grievance mechanisms, implementation schedule, cost estimate, and a monitoring and evaluation system.

IV. Financial Viability Assessment

- Viable Transaction Structure:
 - Prepare viable transaction structures for implementation of the Project;
 - Identify possible Government support that may be required by the developer, both financial and other;
 - Explain the rationale and form of viability gap funding (if any);
 - Based on the financial modelling, the Consultant shall determine the appropriate tariff levels and structure for the Project in the feasibility study. The tariff design should balance the following objectives and factors against each other:
 - Stipulated service standards and associated costs;
 - Customers' willingness and ability to pay;
 - Need for and availability of subsidies.

o Financial Model:

- Develop financial models of the Project covering projected revenues and costs estimates of construction/ development (EPC), non-EPC, interest during construction and operations & maintenance cost estimates over the life of the Project;
- Must cover the entire term of the proposed concession agreement;
- Financial model must be properly constructed in a standard spreadsheet program such as MS Excel;
 - Inputs and assumptions may include:
 - Inflation, discount rate, and tax rates;
 - Construction data such as initial capital expenditures over the period;
 - Future capital expenditures, both maintenance and growthrelated;
 - Residual value of capital assets at the end of the concession period, constituting a revenue of the Projects;
 - Funding levels and types such as equity, loans, bonds and subsidies or types of Islamic financing, if applicable;

- Financial data such as the terms of the various financing instruments;
- Recurrent operating and maintenance costs;
- · Recurring administrative costs;
- Operating revenues with the underlying data such as demand forecasts and user charges;
- Sheets with cash flow statement, profit and loss account and balance sheet of the Projects company;
- Results and summary sheets demonstrating the impact of different assumptions on the Project's cash flow. The results should be presented in the form of the following financial indicators (at least):
 - Project internal rate of return (IRR);
 - Equity IRR;
 - Debt service cover ratio, which shows the project company's ability to repay debt;
 - · from its annual cash flow;
 - Loan life cover ratio, which shows the project company's ability to accommodate:
 - an occasional shortfall of cash;
 - Other applicable/ relevant ratios or indicators
- The Consultant should prepare a manual so that the model can be used throughout the PPP process to continually assess the impact of different pricing, financing, and service scenarios, update or confirm decisions about Project structure; and
- The financial model should allow sensitivities and scenario analysis based on various parameters.

V. Options Analysis

- PPP Options Analysis
 - List all reasonable options available, including alternative to the PPP model if found viable for the Project's implementation;
 - Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of each option, together with its risks, benefits and potential impacts for each option;
 - Assess which options are likely to attract private sector investment;
 - Recommend the preferred option with its impact on the financial and commercial viability, financial model and transaction structuring;

o Project Risks:

- Identify the project risks;
- Make assessment of each risk;
- Allocation of each risk to the party that can best able to manage it;
- Develop risk matrix;
- Comment on project viability under PPP modality;

o Economic Analysis:

- Thorough analysis of the viability of the proposed Projects including a complete economic analysis, identifying economic risks associated with the Projects and undertaking sensitivity and risk analysis;
- Value for Money analysis based on public sector comparator model;

- Comprehensive economic cost benefit analysis,
- Identify contingent costs and risks;
- Economic IRR:
- Economic NPV;
- Sensitivity and scenario analysis with impact on payback and IRR.
- Demand-Supply Analysis
 - Conduct demand and affordability analysis.
- Legal and Regulatory Assessment (in case of further additions only)
 - The Consultant shall review laws, policies, rules and regulations related to forests, environment, climate change, carbon regimes and ascertain what laws, rules, regulations will be involved in the Projects implementation;
 - What kind of district, provincial, and federal approvals will be required in the Projects implementation;
 - Prepare draft bills, rules and regulations or any amendments in existing laws, rules, and regulations, if required for implementation of the Project;
 - Identify sector institutions and government entities relating to the Project.

VI. Unsolicited Proposal Detailed Review⁴²:

- Review of USP documentation
 - Assist in reviewing and confirming that the USP documents (including head of terms and risk allocation), developed by the USP Developer, are an appropriate starting point for Project and generally conform to the risk allocation contemplated in regional and global precedents. Review to include a summary of technical issues which might impede the implementation of the Project based on the USP documentation or the bankability of the Project, along with proposed solutions;
 - Recommend specific amendments and/ or adjustments to the USP Developer Project documentation to be used for the Project. In case the Project documentation does not conform to the bankable global standards, then the Consultant will develop the head of terms and Project Agreements based on regional/ global precedents following the applicable laws.
- Review and Coordinate the USP submission:
 - Based on the USP preliminary evaluation, provide feedback to USP Developer for deal breaker/ red flag items;
 - Based on transaction structure, risk allocation and other due diligence parameters (as per the Project's scope of work), the Consultant will develop a detailed response/ report ('USP Feedback Report') for the USP Developer;

⁴² The Consultant may carry out the USP detailed review at any stage or in paralell with other activities of Phase-1, subject to the Project's USP legal viability assessment as accepted by the Procuring Agency and its Technical Committee.

 Review the revised submission of the USP Developer based on the USP Feedback Report (if submitted or applicable). Review to include (but not limited to) deviation from expected bankable transaction structure and requirements under the regulation for USP.

Note: Under Phase I, the Consultant shall be responsible for undertaking all related surveys needed for preparation of feasibility study reports. In addition, the Consultant shall be responsible for preparing and delivering presentations before the PPP Policy Board or Technical & Financial Evaluation Committee (TFEC) or any other forum for seeking approvals or inputs as required during the Assignment.

4.2. Phase II – Bid Management: If the Procuring Agency decides to proceed with Phase II, the Consultant shall require performing functions including, but not limited to, the following:

4.2.1 Marketing and Bidding Document: The Consultant shall be required to:

- **I.** Develop a marketing and communication strategy for the Project to sensitize potential investors and other project stakeholders;
- **II.** Sensitize potential investors, operators and financiers for the Project and seek their feedback for incorporation in the Project structures;
- **III.** Seek investor interest/ feedback on the Project prior to the launch of official solicitation;
- IV. Arrange investor conferences/ road shows and visits to market the Project;
- V. Assist the Procuring Agency in establishing a data room which will include all the relevant documents and information on the Project for investors' due diligence;
- **VI.** Provide input on marketing documents and support in marketing efforts;
- **VII.** Devise quantitative and qualitative KPIs along with deduction mechanism;
- **VIII.** Preparing bidding documents, including RFQ (if applicable or found suitable) and RFP, concession agreement, Provincial Support Agreement and direct agreement and any other agreements required for the Project in compliance with the procurement laws, regulations, policy and international best practice;
- **IX.** Develop and finalize evaluation criteria and the terms of the bid documents;
- **X.** Assist the Procuring Agency in the preparation, population, hosting, and management of an online data room to facilitate bidders' due diligence, including by drafting procedures governing the use of the data room.

4.2.2 Bidding Process: The Consultant shall require to assist Procuring Agency:

- **I.** Prepare annual procurement plans;
- **II.** Prepare responses to the prospective bidders' queries;
- III. Attend and respond to the prospective bidders' queries at pre-bid meetings as and when scheduled by the Procuring Agency;
- **IV.** Amend the bidding documents to reflect material issues raised by bidders and accepted by the Procuring Agency and other stakeholders prior to the deadline for bids submission the applicable laws, rules and regulations;

- V. Assist the Procuring Agency and its TFEC during the bid evaluation (including analysis of any amendments to the Project documents proposed by bidders and the legal and financial proposals of qualified bidders) and preparing the evaluation reports;
- **VI.** Update cost estimates concerning the Project, taking into account the impact of inflation and other factors (based on the rates prevailing 28 days prior to the bids submission date) during the bid evaluation stage;
- **VII.** Prepare and deliver presentations on bid evaluation outcomes to the TFEC and other authorities (if needed) for necessary approvals;
- **VIII.** Assist the Procuring Agency in the issuance of a letter of award/ acceptance to the preferred bidder against the Proposed Concessions;
- **IX.** Advice on bid-related correspondence with bidders during the entire bidding process relating to the Project.

4.3. Phase III – Transactions Negotiations & Financial Closure: This phase shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

4.3.1 Transaction Negotiation & Financial Closure

- I. Support in negotiations and finalization of the Project agreements between the Procuring Agency, other stakeholders and the winning bidders/ SPVs;
- II. Assist the Procuring Agency in the execution of Project agreements with the winning bidders and ensure that all pre-conditions and requirements set forth in bidding documents and applicable legislation are compiled by the winning bidders/ SPVs;
- III. Coordinate with Procuring Agency in correspondence with various stakeholders and managing various processes with other members throughout the transaction and facilitate the post-bid process in the award of the Project;
- IV. Draft and negotiate further project agreements, including but not limited to independent engineer agreements, independent auditor agreements, project site license agreements, annuity agreements, shareholding agreements, equity funding & utilization agreements, price escalation agreements, concession direct agreement and escrow agreements;
- V. Provide legal opinion to the Procuring Agency on any matter relating to the Project during the Assignment's entire course of the Contract;
- **VI.** Advise the Procuring Agency on an ongoing basis to ensure compliance with applicable procurement and other laws, rules and regulations throughout the bidding process and on any legal issues which may arise.

4.3.2 Financial Closure

- I. Review and provide feedback on the draft financing term sheet and assess compliance with the Concession Agreement and other procurement parameters of the Project in the financing term sheet;
- II. Review and finalize concession direct agreement;
- **III.** Review and provide feedback on the fulfilment of CPs of the concession agreement and those related to financial close;
- IV. Assist the Government in achieving financial close;

NOTE: The Bidder shall be required to provide the Services to the Procuring Agency for the Project's Proposed Concession. At any stage or during any phase given above, the legal, technical, and financial consultants being members of the Consortium, on request of the Procuring Agency, shall require furnishing legal, technical, and financial opinions or assistance on any matter (including litigation)/ document/ agreement with regards to the Project. The internal coordination of the Consortium shall be the sole responsibility of the Lead Member.

5. ASSIGNMENT DELIVERABLES & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The Consultant shall achieve the Assignment's milestones and deliverables in three phases within a cumulative duration of fourteen (14) months, effective from the Contract signing expected in the second week of March 2024. The first phase will begin as soon as possible and will be completed within four (4) months, following the Agreement's signing. The Assignment's proposed implementation schedule with indicative deliverables under all the phases is tabulated below:

Sr. #	Deliverable	Timelines	Payment ⁴³
5.1	Phase I – Transaction Preparation (T1 = Effective from the Contract Signing Date)		
5.1.1	Inception Report	T1 + ½ Month	5%
5.1.2	USP Preliminary Review Report	T1 + 1½ Months	5%
5.1.3	Technical Due Diligence	T1 + 31/2 Months	40%
	 Institutional & Legal Assessment Report 		(10% at
	 Land Acquisition Report 		each
	 Environment & Social Impact Assessment 		milestone)
	 Economic Financial Viability Assessment 		
	 PPP Option Analysis with Risk Matrix 		
	 Market Viability Assessment 		
5.1.4	USP Detailed Review	T1 + 4 Months	5%
5.1.5	Transaction Structure & Approval	T1 + 4 Months	5%
5.2	Phase II – Bid Management (T2 = Effective from Transaction Structure & Approval)		
5.2.1	Marketing and Submission of Bidding	T2 + 1 Month	10%
	Packages (Proposed Packages)		
5.2.2	Submission of Bid Evaluation Reports	T2 + 31/2 Months	5%
5.2.3	Issuance of Letters for Award of Contracts	T2 + 4 Months	5%
5.3 Phase III – Transaction Negotiation(s) & Financial Closure(s) (T3 = Effective from the Issuance of Letters for Award of Contracts)			
5.3.1	Transaction negotiation and signing of	T3 + 1 Month	10%
J.J.	Concession(s)		
5.3.2	Financial Closure(s)	T3 + 6 Months	10%
Total	Contract Duration	14 Months	100%

NOTE: In case the Project is found unviable or unfeasible, considering either USP or standalone basis, during the legal viability assessment stage, as ascertained by the Consultant or decided by the Procuring Agency, then the Procuring Agency in such a case shall release the Consultant 15% of the Contract Price by terminating the Assignment's Contract. The Procuring Agency shall not offer any mobilization advance

 $^{^{\}rm 43}$ Payment schedule is mentioned as a percentage (%) of the total Contract Price

to the Consultant. The Procuring Agency shall ensure to release the payments to the Bidder (in case of the Consortium, the Consortium respective member) within thirty (30) Days following the payment schedule mentioned above subject to the satisfactory completion of the respective milestones for the Project as verified and recommended by the Procuring Agency's authorized representative(s).

6. ASSIGNMENT RFP INQUIRIES/ CLARIFICATION

Requests for clarification shall always be made in writing at least five (5) calendar days prior to the date of opening of bids and must be addressed or sent via mail or fascimile and e-mail (**both**) mentioned below:

Attention: Executive Engineer (Civil)

Address: Sukkur Municipal Corporation Sukkur

Phone: +92 71 931037

Email: ppp.fsta@gmail.com; smc.sukkur786@gmail.com

7. RELEVANT INFROMATION

For more information relating to the Bidding Process, **please keep visiting the websites:** www.smc.gos.pk / and https://www.pppunitsindh.gov.pk/.

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General Conditions of Contract

1. General Provisions

1.1. Definitions

- 1.1.1. Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms whenever used in this Contract have the following meanings:
 - (a) "Applicable Law" means the Sindh Public Procurement Act, thereunder Rules 2010;
 - (b) "Procuring Agency" means the implementing department which signs the contract;
 - "Consultant" means a professional who can (c) study, design, organize, evaluate and manage projects or assess, evaluate and provide specialist advice or give technical assistance for making or drafting policies, institutional reforms and includes private entities, consulting firms, legal advisors, engineering firms, construction managers, management firms, procurement agents, inspection agents, auditors, international and multinational organizations, investment and merchant banks. universities, research government agencies, institutions. nongovernmental organizations, and individuals;
 - (d) "Consortium" means Consultants comprised of a group of two or more enterprises formed to submit a Proposal;
 - (e) "Contract" means the contract signed by the Parties and all the attached documents listed in its Clause 1, i.e., General Conditions (GC), the Special Conditions (SC), and the Appendices;
 - (f) "Contract Price" means the price to be paid for the performance of Services, in accordance with Clause 6;
 - (g) "Effective Date" means the date on which this Contract comes into force and effect pursuant to Clause GC 2.1:
 - (h) "Foreign Currency" means any currency other than the currency of the PA's country;
 - (i) "GC" means these General Conditions of Contract:

- (j) "Government" means the Government of Sindh;
- (k) "Local Currency" means Pak Rupees;
- (I) "Member" means any of the entities that make up the joint venture/ Consortium/ association, and "Members" means all these entities;
- (m) "Party" means the Procuring Agency or the Consultant, as the case may be, and "Parties" means both of them;
- (n) "Personnel" means persons hired by the Consultant or by any Sub-Consultants and assigned to the performance of the Services or any part thereof;
- (o) "SC" means the Special Conditions of Contract by which the GC may be amended or supplemented;
- (p) "Services" means the consulting services to be performed by the Consultant pursuant to this Contract, as described in the Terms of References;
- (q) "Sub-Consultants" means any person or entity to whom/ which the Consultant subcontracts any part of the Services;
- (r) "In writing" means communicated in written form with proof of receipt.

1.2. Law Governing Contract

- 1.2.1. This Contract, its meaning and interpretation, and the relation between the Parties shall be governed by the applicable law.
- 1.3. Language
- 1.3.1. This Contract is executed in the language specified in the SC, which shall be the binding and controlling language for all matters relating to meaning or interpretation of this Contract.

1.4. Notices

1.4.1. Any notice, request or consent required or permitted to be given or made pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing. Any such notice, request or consent shall be deemed to have been given or made when delivered in person to an authorized representative of the Party to whom the communication is addressed, or when sent to such Party at the address specified in the SC.

- 1.4.2. A Party may change its address for notice hereunder by giving the other Party notice in writing of such change to the address specified in the SC.
- 1.5. Location
- 1.5.1. The Services shall be performed at such locations as are specified in special condition of contract and, where the location of a particular task is not so specified, at such locations, whether in the Government's country or elsewhere, as the Procuring Agency may approve.
- 1.6. Authority of Member in Charge
- 1.6.1. In case the Consultant consists of a joint venture/ Consortium/ association of more than one individual firms, the Members hereby authorize the individual firms or specified in the SC to act on their behalf in exercising all the Consultant's rights and obligations towards the Procuring Agency under this Contract, including without limitation the receiving of instructions and payments from the PA.
- 1.7. Authorized Representatives
- 1.7.1. Any action required or permitted to be taken, and any document required or permitted to be executed under this Contract by the Procuring Agency or the Consultant may be taken or executed by the officials specified in the SC.
- 1.8. Taxes and Duties
- 1.8.1. The Consultant, Sub-Consultants, and their Personnel shall pay such direct or indirect taxes, duties, fees, and other impositions levied under the Applicable Law as specified in the SC, the amount of which is deemed to have been included in the Contract Price.
- 1.9. Fraud and Corruption
- 1.9.1. If the Procuring Agency determines that the Consultant and/or its Personnel, sub-contractors, sub-Consultants, services providers and suppliers has engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, or obstructive practices, in competing for or in executing the Contract, then the Procuring Agency may, after giving 14 days' notice to the Consultant, terminate the Consultant's employment under the Contract, and may resort to other remedies including blacklisting/ disgualification as provided in the SPP Rules.

Any personnel of the Consultant, who engages in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, or obstructive practice during the execution of the Contract, shall be removed in accordance with Sub-Clause 4.2.

1.9.2. **Integrity Pact** – If the Consultant or any of his Sub-Consultants, agents or servants is found to have violated or involved in violation of the Integrity Pact

signed by the Consultant as Appendix-A to this Form of Contract, then the Client shall be entitled to:

- (a) recover from the Consultant an amount equivalent to ten times the sum of any commission, gratification, bribe, finder's fee or kickback given by the Consultant or any of his Sub-Consultant, agents or servants;
- (b) terminate the Contract; and
- (c) recover from the Consultant any loss or damage to the Client as a result of such termination or of any other corrupt business practices of the Consultant or any of his Sub-Consultant, agents or servants.

On termination of the Contract under Sub-Para (b) of this Sub-Clause, the Consultant shall proceed in accordance with Sub-Clause 1.9 A. Payment upon such termination shall be made under Sub-Clause 1.9 A after having deducted the amounts due to the Client under 19 B Sub-Para (a) and (c).

2. Commencement, Completion, Modification and Termination of Contract

1.1. Effectiveness of Contract

2.1.1. This Contract shall come into effect on the date the Contract is signed by either Parties or such other later date as may be stated in the SC. The date the Contract comes into effect is defined as the Effective Date.

2.2. Commencement of Services

2.2.1. The Consultant shall begin carrying out the Services not later than number of days after the Effective Date specified in the SC.

2.3. Expiration of Contract

2.3.1. Unless terminated earlier pursuant to Clause GC 2.6 hereof, this Contract shall expire at the end of such time period after the Effective Date as specified in the SC.

2.4. Modifications or Variations

2.4.1. Any modification or variation of the terms and conditions of this Contract, including any modification or variation of the scope of the Services, may only be made by written agreement between Parties. However, each Party shall give due consideration to any proposals for modification or variation made by the other Party.

2.5. Force Majeure

- 2.5.1. The failure on the part of the parties to perform their obligation under the contract will not be considered a default if such failure is the result of natural calamities, disasters and circumstances beyond the control of the parties.
- 2.5.2. No Breach of Contract: The failure of a Party to fulfill any of its obligations under the contract shall not be considered to be a breach of, or default under, this Contract insofar as such inability arises from an event of Force Majeure, provided that the Party affected by such an event (a) has taken all reasonable precautions, due care and reasonable alternative measures in order to carry out the terms and conditions of this Contract, and (b) has informed the other Party as soon as possible about the occurrence of such an event.
- 2.5.3. Extension of Time: Any period within which a Party shall, pursuant to this Contract, complete any action or task, shall be extended for a period equal to the time during which such Party was unable to perform such action as a result of Force Majeure.
- 2.5.4. **Payments:** During the period of their inability to perform the Services as a result of an event of Force Majeure, the Consultant shall be entitled to continue to be paid under the terms of this Contract, as well as to be reimbursed for additional costs reasonably and necessarily incurred by them during such period for the purposes of the Services and in reactivating the Service after the end of such period.

2.6. Termination

- 2.6.1. By the Procuring Agency: The Procuring Agency may terminate this Contract in case of the occurrence of any of the events specified in paragraphs (a) through (f) of this Clause GC 2.6.1. In such an occurrence the Procuring Agency shall give a not less than thirty (30) days' written notice of termination to the Consultant, and sixty (60) days' in the case of the event referred to in (e).
 - (a) If the Consultant does not remedy the failure in the performance of their obligations under the Contract, within thirty (30) days after being notified or within any further period as the Procuring Agency may have subsequently approved in writing;

- (b) If the Consultant becomes insolvent or bankrupt;
- (c) If the Consultant, in the judgment of the Procuring Agency has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the Contract;
- (d) If, as the result of Force Majeure, the Consultant(s) are unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) days;
- (e) If the PA, in its sole discretion and for any reason whatsoever, decides to terminate this Contract;
- (f) If the Consultant fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration proceedings pursuant to Clause GC 8 hereof.
- 2.6.2. **By the Consultant:** The Consultants may terminate this Contract, by not less than thirty (30) days' written notice to PA, such notice to be given after occurrence of any of the events specified in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this Clause GC 2.6.2:
 - (a) If the Procuring Agency fails to pay any money due to the Consultant pursuant to this Contract without Consultants fault:
 - (b) Pursuant to Clause GC 7 hereof within forty-five (45) days after receiving written notice from the Consultant that such payment is overdue;
 - (c) If, as the result of Force Majeure, the Consultant is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) days;
 - (d) If the Procuring Agency fails to comply with any final decision reached as result of arbitration pursuant to Clause GC 8 hereof.
- 2.6.3. **Payment Upon Termination:** Upon termination of this Contract pursuant to Clauses GC 2.6.1 or GC 2.6.2, the Procuring Agency shall make the following payments to the Consultant:

- (a) payment pursuant to Clause GC 6 for Services satisfactorily performed prior to the effective date of termination:
- (b) except in the case of termination pursuant to paragraphs (a) through (c), and (f) of Clause GC 2.6.1, reimbursement of any reasonable cost incident to the prompt and orderly termination of the Contract, including the cost of the return travel of the Personnel and their eligible dependents.

3. Obligations of the Consultant

3.1. General

3.1.1. Standard of Performance: The Consultant shall perform the Services and carry out their obligations hereunder with all due diligence, efficiency and economy, in accordance with generally accepted professional standards and practices, and shall observe sound management practices, and employ appropriate technology and safe and effective equipment, machinery, materials and methods. The Consultant shall always act, in respect of any matter relating to this Contract or to the Services, as faithful advisers to the PA, and shall at all times support and safeguard the PA's legitimate interests in any dealings with Sub-Consultants or third Parties.

3.2. Conflict of Interests

- 3.2.1. The Consultant shall hold the PA's interests paramount without any consideration for future work and strictly avoid conflict with other Assignments or their own corporate interests.
- 3.2.2. Consultants not to Benefit from Commissions, Discounts, etc.: The payment of the Consultant pursuant to Clause GC 6 shall constitute the Consultant's only payment in connection with this Contract or the Services, and the Consultant shall not accept for their own benefit any trade commission, discount, or similar payment in connection with activities pursuant to this Contract or to the Services or in the discharge of their obligations under the Contract, and the Consultant shall use their best efforts to ensure that the Personnel, any Sub-Consultants, and agents of either of them similarly shall not receive any such additional payment.
- 3.2.3. Consultant and Affiliates not to be Otherwise Interested in Project: The Consultant agrees that, during the term of this Contract and after its

termination, the Consultant and any entity affiliated with the Consultant, as well as any Sub-Consultants and any entity affiliated with such Sub-Consultants, shall be disqualified from providing goods, works or services (other than consulting services) resulting from or directly related to the Consultant's Services for the preparation or implementation of the project.

- 3.2.4. **Prohibition of Conflicting Activities:** The Consultant shall not engage, and shall cause their Personnel as well as their Sub-Consultants and their Personnel not to engage, either directly or indirectly, in any business or professional activities which would conflict with activities assigned to them under Contract.
- 3.3. Confidentiality
- 3.3.1. Except with the prior written consent of the PA, the Consultant and the Personnel shall not at any time communicate to any person or entity any confidential information acquired in the course of the Services, nor shall the Consultant and the Personnel make public the recommendations formulated in the course of, or as a result of, the Services.
- 3.4. Insurance to be Taken Out by the Consultant
- 3.4.1. The Consultant (a) shall take out and maintain, and shall cause any Sub-Consultants to take out and maintain, at their (or the Sub-Consultants', as the case may be) own cost but on terms and conditions approved by the PA, insurance against the risks, and for the coverage, as shall be specified in the SC; and (b) at the PA's request, shall provide evidence to the Procuring Agency showing that such insurance has been taken out and maintained and that the current premiums have been paid.
- 3.5. Consultant's
 Actions Requiring
 PA's Prior
 Approval
- 3.5.1. The Consultant shall obtain the Procuring Agency's prior approval in writing before taking any of the following actions:
 - (a) entering into a subcontract for the performance of any part of the Services;
 - (b) appointing such members of the Personnel not listed by name in Appendix C; and
 - (c) any other action that may be specified in the SC.
- 3.6. Reporting Obligations
- 3.6.1. The Consultant shall submit to the Procuring Agency the reports and documents specified in (Procuring Agency may insert appendix) hereto, in the form, in

- the numbers and within the time periods set forth in the said Appendix.
- 3.6.2. Final reports shall be delivered in CD ROM in addition to the hard copies specified in said Appendix.
- 3.7. Documents
 Prepared by the
 Consultant to be
 the Property of
 the Procuring
 Agency
- 3.7.1. All plans, drawings, specifications, designs, reports, other documents and software submitted by the Consultant under this Contract shall become and remain the property of the PA, and the Consultant shall, not later than upon termination or expiration of this Contract, deliver all such documents to the PA, together with a detailed inventory thereof.
- 3.7.2. The Consultant may retain a copy of such documents and software. Restrictions about the future use of these documents, if any, shall be specified in the SC.
- 3.8. Accounting, Inspection and Auditing
- 3.8.1. The Consultant shall keep, and shall cause its Sub-Consultants to keep, accurate and systematic accounts and records in respect of the Contract, in accordance with internationally accepted accounting principles and in such form and detail as will clearly identify relevant time changes and costs.
- 3.8.2. The Consultant shall permit, and shall cause its Sub-Consultants to permit, the Procuring Agency and/or persons appointed by the Procuring Agency to inspect its accounts and records relating to the performance of the Contract and the submission of the Proposal to provide the Services, and to have such accounts and records audited by auditors appointed by the Procuring Agency if requested by the PA. The Consultant's attention is drawn to Clause 1.9.1 which provides, inter alia, that acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the PA's inspection and audit rights provided for under Clause 3.8 constitute a prohibited practice subject to contract termination (as well as to a determination of ineligibility pursuant to the PA's prevailing sanctions procedures).

4. Consultant Personnel

4.1. Description of Personnel

4.1.1. The Consultant shall employ and provide such qualified and experienced Personnel and Sub-Consultants as are required to carry out the Services. The titles, agreed job descriptions, minimum qualifications, and estimated periods of engagement in the carrying out of the Services of the Consultant's Key Personnel are described in Appendix C. The Key

Personnel and Sub-Consultants listed by title as well as by name in Appendix C are hereby approved by the PA.

4.2. Removal and/or Replacement of Personnel

- 4.2.1. Except as the Procuring Agency may otherwise agree, no changes shall be made in the Key Personnel. If, for any reason beyond the reasonable control of the Consultant, such as retirement, death, medical incapacity, among others, it becomes necessary to replace any of the Key Personnel, the Consultant shall provide as a replacement a person of equivalent or better qualifications.
- 4.2.2. If the Procuring Agency finds that any of the Personnel have (i) committed serious misconduct or have been charged with having committed a criminal action, or (ii) have reasonable cause to be dissatisfied with the performance of any of the Personnel, then Consultant shall, at the PA's written request specifying the grounds thereof, provide as a replacement a person with qualifications and experience acceptable to the PA.
- 4.2.3. The Consultant shall have no claim for additional costs arising out of or incidental to any removal and/or replacement of Personnel.

5. Obligations of the PA

5.1. Assistance and Exemptions

- 5.1.1. The Procuring Agency shall use its best efforts to ensure that the Government shall provide the Consultant such assistance and exemptions as specified in the SC.
- 5.2. Change in the Applicable Law Related to Taxes and Duties
- 5.2.1. If, after the date of this Contract, there is any change in the Applicable Law with respect to taxes and duties which increases or decreases the cost incurred by the Consultant in performing the Services, then the remuneration and reimbursable expenses otherwise payable to the Consultant under this Contract shall be increased or decreased accordingly by agreement between the Parties, and corresponding adjustments shall be made to the amounts referred to in Clauses GC 6.2 (a) or (b), as the case may be.

5.3. Services and Facilities

5.3.1. The Procuring Agency shall make available free of charge to the Consultant the Services and Facilities listed under the Bid Data Sheet

6. Payments to the Consultant

6.1. Security

6.1.1. The Consultant has to submit the performance security at the rate mention in SC.

6.2. Lump-Sum Contract

- 6.2.1. The total payment due to the Consultant shall not exceed the Contract Price which is an all-inclusive fixed lump-sum covering all costs required to carry out the Services described in Appendix A. Except as provided in Clause 5.2, the Contract Price may only be increased above the amounts stated in Clause 6.2 if the Parties have agreed to additional payments in accordance with Clause 2.4.
- 6.3. Contract Price
- 6.3.1. The price payable in Pak Rupees/ foreign currency is set forth in the SC.
- 6.4. Payment for Additional Services
- 6.4.1. For purpose of determining remuneration due for additional services as may be agreed under Clause 2.4, a breakdown of the lump sum price is provided in Appendices D and E.
- 6.5. Terms and Conditions of Payment
- 6.5.1. Payments will be made to the account of the Consultant and according to the payment schedule stated in the SC. Unless otherwise stated in the SC, the first payment shall be made against the provision by the Consultant of an advance payment guarantee for the same amount, and shall be valid for the period stated in the SC. Such guarantee shall be in the form set forth in Appendix G hereto, or in such other form, as the Procuring Agency shall have approved in writing. Any other payment shall be made after the conditions listed in the SC for such payment have been met, and the Consultant has submitted an invoice to the Procuring Agency specifying the amount due.

7. Good Faith

7.1. Good Faith

7.1.1. The Parties undertake to act in good faith with respect to each other's rights under this Contract and to adopt all reasonable measures to ensure realization of objectives of this Contract.

8. Settlement of Disputes

8.1. Amicable Settlement

8.1.1. The Parties agree that the avoidance or early resolution of disputes is crucial for a smooth execution of the Contract and the success of the Assignment.

The Parties shall use their best efforts to settle

amicably all disputes arising out of or in connection with this Contract or its interpretation.

8.2. Dispute Resolution

8.2.1. Any dispute between the Parties as to matters arising pursuant to this Contract that cannot be settled amicably within thirty (30) days after receipt by one Party of the other Party's request for such amicable settlement may be submitted by either Party for settlement in accordance with provisions specified in SC.

Special Conditions of Contract

The following Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) shall **supplement and/or amend the General Conditions of Contract (GCC)**. Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions herein shall prevail over those in the GCC.

GCC Clause	Amendments of, and Supplements to, Clauses in the General	
	Conditions of Contract	
GCC 1.1.1(a)	The Applicable Procurement Law is: Sindh Public Procurement Act and Sindh Public Procurement Rules (as prevails at the RFP advertisement time)	
GCC 1.1.1(b)	The Procuring Agency's Name is: Sukkur Municipal Corporation	
GCC 1.2.1.	The Contract shall be construed in accordance with the law of: Islamic Republic of Pakistan.	
GCC 1.3.1.	The Language is: English	
GCC 1.4.1.	The addresses are:	
	Procuring Agency:	
	Attention:	
	Address:	
	Phone No:	
	E-mail:	
	Consultant:	
	Attention:	
	Address:	
	City:	
	Phone No:	
	E-mail:	
GCC 1.5.1.	The services shall be performed at: Karachi and the Project's locations as further specified in the TOR.	
GCC 1.6.1.	{The Member in Charge is [insert name of member]}	
	Note: If the Consultant consists of a joint venture/ Consortium/ association of more than one entity, the name of the entity whose address is specified in Clause SC 1.6 should be inserted here. If the Consultant consists only of one entity, this Clause SC 1.6 should be deleted from the SC.	

GCC 1.7.1.	The Authorized Representatives are:	
	For the PA:	
	For the Consultant:	
GCC 1.8.1.	All the taxes and duties including income, service, stamp duty, and those as applicable on the offered services under this Contract shall be borne by the Consultant. The applicable taxes shall be deemed as part of the Consultant's total quoted bid.	
GCC 2.1.1.	The date for effectiveness of contract shall start with effect from the date of agreement signing by both the Parties.	
GCC 2.1.2.	The Consultant shall commence contractual services within ten (10) days or immediately after signing of agreement. Confirmation of the Professional Staff/ Key Experts' availability to start the Assignment shall be submitted to the Procuring Agency in writing (also along with the Proposal) as a written statement signed by each Expert.	
GCC 2.3.1.	The Contract shall remain effective for fourteen (14) months; however, this stipulated period may be extended at no-cost or without any change in the Contract Price in case of a reasonable delay, acceptable to the Procuring Agency, in the Project's execution subject to the terms and conditions laid down in the RFP.	
GCC 2.4.1.	Any modification or variation of terms and conditions of this Contract, including any modification or variation of the scope of Services (except the Proposed Concessions), if required, will be made through an addendum to agreement with mutual consent of both the parties.	
GCC 3.6.1.	Reporting obligations include but is not limited to the following (refer to the TOR's and GCC 6.5.1. for further details): Inception Report USP Preliminary Review Report Technical Feasibility Report Land Acquisition Report Environment & Social Impact Assessment Economic Financial Viability Assessment PPP Option Analysis with Risk Matrix Market Viability Assessment USP Detailed Review Report Institutional & Regulatory Assessment Report PPP Options, Risk Matrix & Value for Money Analysis Report Projects Preparation & Approval Bid documents package, including concession agreements; and	

GCC 6.1.1.	Successful Consultant, upon fourteen (14) days of issuance of the Letter of Award, shall require submitting performance security equivalent to 2% of the Contract Price in shape of Bank Guarantee issued by a scheduled bank in Pakistan in favor of 'Sukkur Municipal Corporation'. Discharge of the security shall take place within twenty-eight (28) days following satisfactory completion of the PA's performance obligations.
GCC 6.3.1.	The Procuring Agency shall release the payments to the successful Bidder (in case of a Consortium, respective members including a National Company or a foreign firm) in Pak Rupees only.
GCC 6.5.1.	The payments shall be made according to deliverables and schedule as specified under Section V – Terms of Reference of RFP Document.
GCC 8.2.1.	Disputes shall be settled in accordance with the Arbitration Act, 1940.

Contract

THIS CONTRACT ("Contract") is entered into this [insert starting date of Assignment], by and between [insert PA"s name] ("PA") having its principal place of business at [insert PA's address], and [insert Consultant's name] ("Consultant") having its principal office located at [insert Consultant's address].

WHEREAS, the Procuring Agency wishes to have the Consultant performing the services hereinafter referred to, and

WHEREAS, the Consultant is willing to perform these services,

NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES hereby agree as follows:

- 1. Services
- 1.1 The Consultant shall perform the services specified in Section V Terms of Reference and Scope of Services," which is made an integral part of this Contract (the 'Services').
- 1.2 The Consultant shall provide the reports listed in Annex B, "Consultant's Reporting Obligations," within the time periods listed in such Annex, and the personnel listed in Annex C, "Cost Estimate of Services, List of Personnel and Schedule of Rates" to perform the Services.

2. Term

- 2.1 The Consultant shall perform the Services during the period commencing [insert start date] and continuing through [insert completion date] or any other period as may be subsequently agreed by the parties in writing.
- 3. Payment
- 3.1 **Ceiling:** For Services rendered pursuant to Section V, the Procuring Agency shall pay the Consultant an amount not to exceed [insert amount]. This amount has been established based on the understanding that it includes all of the Consultant's costs and profits as well as any tax obligation that may be imposed on the Consultant.
- 3.2 **Payment Conditions:** Payment shall be made in Pak Rupees (PKR), no later than thirty (30) days following submission by the Consultant of invoices in duplicate to the Coordinator designated in paragraph 5.
- 4. Economic Price Adjustment
- 4.1 Not applicable
- 5. Project Administration
- 5.1 **Coordinator:** The Procuring Agency designates Mr./Ms. *[insert name]* as PA's Coordinator; the Coordinator shall be responsible for the coordination of activities under the Contract, for receiving and approving invoices for

payment, and for acceptance of the deliverables by the PA.

- 5.2 **Timesheets:** During the course of their work under this Contract the Consultant's employees providing services under this Contract may be required to complete timesheets or any other document used to identify time spent, as instructed by the Coordinator.
- 5.3 **Records and Accounts:** The Consultant shall keep accurate and systematic records and accounts in respect of the Services, which will clearly identify all charges and expenses. The Procuring Agency reserves the right to audit, or to nominate a reputable accounting firm to audit, the Consultant's records relating to amounts claimed under this Contract during its term and any extension, and for a period of three months thereafter.

6. Performance Standards

6.1 The Consultant undertakes to perform the Services with the highest standards of professional and ethical competence and integrity. The Consultant shall promptly replace any employees assigned under this Contract that the Procuring Agency considers unsatisfactory.

7. Confidentiality

7.1 The Consultants shall not, during the term of this Contract and within two years after its expiration, disclose any proprietary or confidential information relating to the Services, this Contract or the Procuring Agency's business or operations without the prior written consent of the PA.

8. Ownership of Material

8.1 Any studies, reports or other material, graphic, software or otherwise, prepared by the Consultant for the Procuring Agency under the Contract shall belong to and remain the property of the PA. The Consultant may retain a copy of such documents and software.

9. Consultant Not to be Engaged in Certain Activities

9.1 The Consultant agrees that, during the term of this Contract and after its termination, the Consultants and any entity affiliated with the Consultant, shall be disqualified from providing goods, works or services (other than the Services or any continuation thereof) for any project resulting from or closely related to the Services.

10.Insurance

10.1 The Consultant will be responsible for taking out any appropriate insurance coverage for their personnel and equipment.

11. Assignment 11.1 The Consultant shall not assign this Contract or Subcontract any portion thereof it without the PA's prior written consent. 12. Law Governing 12.1 The Contract shall be governed by the laws of Islamic **Contract and** Republic of Pakistan, or the Provincial Government and the language of the Contract shall be English. Language 13. Dispute 13.1 Any dispute arising out of this Contract, which cannot be Resolution amicably settled between the parties, shall be referred to adjudication/arbitration in accordance with

Arbitration Act of 1940.

FOR THE PROCURING AGENCY	FOR THE CONSULTANT
Signed by	Signed by
Title	Title

Appendices

Standard Forms

[Note: Standard Forms provided in this RFP Document for securities are to be issued by an eligible bank mentioned in the Data Sheet. In case, a Bidder chooses to submit bid or performance security using Bank Guarantee, the relevant format shall be tailored accordingly without changing the spirit of the Forms of securities].

Form of Bid Security

(Bank Guarantee)

	Guarantee No Executed on
(Letter by t	ne Guarantor to the Procuring Agency)
Name of P	uarantor (Scheduled Bank in Pakistan) with address: rincipal (Bidder) with address: curity (express in words and figures):
RFP/ Bid F RFP/ Bid [eference No.:ate:
Bid and at and firmly called the sum well a	MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that in pursuance of the terms of the RFP/the request of the said Principal, we the Guarantor above-named are held bound unto the, (hereinafter Procuring Agency') in the sum stated above, for the payment of which ad truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators sors, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.
	DITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that whereas the Principal has the accompanying RFP/ Bid numbered and dated as above for (Particulars of Bid) to the said
Procuring A	Agency; and
Bid that the	t, the Procuring Agency has required as a condition for considering the said Principal furnishes a bid security in the above said sum to the Procuring Inditioned as under:
	ne bid security shall remain valid for a period of twenty eight (28) days

- beyond the period of validity of the bid;
- (2) that in the event of:
 - (a) the Principal withdraws his Bid during the period of validity of Bid, or
 - (b) the Principal does not accept the correction of his Bid Price, or
 - (c) failure of the successful bidder to
 - (i) furnish the required performance security, in accordance with Sub-Clause ITC-24.2 of Instructions to Consultants, or
 - sign the proposed Contract Agreement, in accordance with Sub-Clauses ITC-9.1 & 9.2 of Instructions to Consultants,

the entire sum be paid immediately to the said Procuring Agency for delayed completion and not as penalty for the successful bidder's failure to perform.

NOW THEREFORE, if the successful bidder shall, within the period specified therefore, on the prescribed form presented to him for signature enter into a formal Contract Agreement with the said Procuring Agency in accordance with his Bid as

accepted and furnish within fourteen (14) days of receipt of Letter of Acceptance, a performance security with good and sufficient surety, as may be required, upon the form prescribed by the said Procuring Agency for the faithful performance and proper fulfillment of the said Contract or in the event of non-withdrawal of the said Bid within the time specified then this obligation shall be void and of no effect, but otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED THAT the Guarantor shall forthwith pay to the Procuring Agency the said sum stated above upon first written demand of the Procuring Agency without cavil or argument and without requiring the Procuring Agency to prove or to show grounds or reasons for such demand, notice of which shall be sent by the Procuring Agency by registered post duly addressed to the Guarantor at its address given above.

PROVIDED ALSO THAT the Procuring Agency shall be the sole and final judge for deciding whether the Principal has duly performed his obligations to sign the Contract Agreement and to furnish the requisite performance security within the time stated above, or has defaulted in fulfilling said requirements and the Guarantor shall pay without objection the sum stated above upon first written demand from the Procuring Agency forthwith and without any reference to the Principal or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above bounded Guarantor has executed the instrument under its seal on the date indicated above, the name and seal of the Guarantor being hereto affixed and these presents duly signed by its undersigned representative pursuant to authority of its governing body.

	Guar	antor (Bank)
Witness:	1. Signature	
1	2. Name	
Corporate Secretary (Seal)	3. Title	
2		
(Name, Title & Address)	Corporate	Guarantor (Seal)

Form of Performance Security

(Bank Guarantee)

Guarar	ntee No
Execut	ed on
Expiry	Date
(Letter by the Guarantor to the Procuring Agency)	
Name of Guarantor (Scheduled Bank in Pakistan) with Name of Principal (Consultant) with address: Sum of Security (express in words and figures):	
Letter of Acceptance No Dated	
KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that in purs Document and above said Letter of Acceptance (here and at the request of the said Principal we, the Guaran firmly bound unto the	einafter called the Documents) tor above named, are held and
(hereinafter called the Procuring Agency) in the penal suffer the payment of which sum well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrato severally, firmly by these presents.	e to the said Procuring Agency,
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NOW THEREFORE, if the Principal (Consultant) shall all the undertakings, covenants, terms and conditions the original terms of the said Documents and any expranted by the Procuring Agency, with or without notice is, hereby, waived and shall also well and truly perform covenants terms and conditions of the Contract and of said Documents that may hereafter be made, notice Guarantor being hereby waived, then, this obligation to in full force and virtue till all requirements and Condition	of the said Documents during xtensions thereof that may be to the Guarantor, which notice and fulfill all the undertakings, any and all modifications of the of which modifications to the o be void; otherwise to remain
Our total liability under this Guarantee is limited to the condition of any liability attaching to us under this Guara in writing shall be received by us within the validity pewhich we shall be discharged of our liability, if any, under the condition of the con	antee that the claim for payment eriod of this Guarantee, failing
We,	y upon the Procuring Agency's without requiring the Procuring

to the amount stated above, against the Procuring Agency's written declaration that the Principal has refused or failed to perform the obligations under the Contract, for which payment will be effected by the Guarantor to Procuring Agency's designated Bank & Account Number.

PROVIDED ALSO THAT the Procuring Agency shall be the sole and final judge for deciding whether the Principal (Consultant) has duly performed his obligations under the Contract or has defaulted in fulfilling said obligations and the Guarantor shall pay without objection any sum or sums up to the amount stated above upon first written demand from the Procuring Agency forthwith and without any reference to the Principal or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above bounded Guarantor has executed this Instrument under its seal on the date indicated above, the name and corporate seal of the Guarantor being hereto affixed and these presents duly signed by its undersigned representative, pursuant to authority of its governing body.

	_	Guarantor (Bank)
Witness:	1. Signature _	
1	2. Name	
Corporate Secretary (Seal)	3. Title _	
2		
(Name, Title & Address)		Corporate Guarantor (Seal)

Appendix A – Integrity Pact

Declaration of Fees, Commission and Brokerage etc. Payable by the Consultant

Contract No. Contract Value: Contract Title:	Dated
obtained or induced the procurement of a obligation or benefit from Governmen	Consultant] hereby declares that it has not any contract, right, interest, privilege or other of Sindh (GoS) or any administrative er entity owned or controlled by GoS through
warrants that it has fully declared the broke to anyone and not given or agreed to give within or outside Pakistan either directly person, including its affiliate, agent, associated shareholder, sponsor or subsidiary, any or kickback, whether described as cor obtaining or inducing procurement of	egoing, [name of Consultant] represents and erage, commission, fees etc. paid or payable and shall not give or agree to give to anyone or indirectly through any natural or juridical ciate, broker, Consultant, director, promoter, commission, gratification, bribe, finder's feen sultation fee or otherwise, with object of contract, right, interest, privilege or otherm from GoS, except that which has been
agreements and arrangements with all	s made and will make full disclosure of all I persons in respect of or related to the n any action or will not take any action to ation or warranty.
declaration, not making full disclosure, misto defeat the purpose of this declaration, any contract, right, interest, privilege o	sibility and strict liability for making any false srepresenting facts or taking any action likely representation and warranty. It agrees that or other obligation or benefit obtained as other rights and remedies available to GoSent, be voidable at option of GoS.
Supplier] agrees to indemnify GoS for any its corrupt business practices and furthe equivalent to ten time sum of any com kickback given by [name of Supplier] as a	s exercised by GoS in this regard, [name of y loss or damage incurred by it on account of er pay compensation to GoS in an amount imission, gratification, bribe, finder's fee or aforesaid for purpose of obtaining or inducing terest, privilege or other obligation or benefit
Name of the Procuring Agency: Signature:	Name of the Consultant: Signature:
Signature:[Seal]	[Seal]

Appendix B - Affidavit (non-blacklisting)

[On stamp paper of PKR 200]

[Location, Date]

To: [Name and address of PA]

Re: Feasibility study and transaction advisory services for rehabilitation and development of water distribution system Sukkur under public-private partnership mode.

Dear Sir:

Yours sincerely,

Address:

Pursuant to the Request for Proposal Document dated [insert the date] in respect of the Project, [Insert Name of the Attorney] hereby represents and warrants that, as of the date of this letter, [Insert Name of Bidder/ Member of Consortium]:

- (a) is not in bankruptcy or liquidation proceedings;
- (b) has not been convicted of, fraud, corruption, collusion, or money laundering during the last five (5) years;
- (c) is not aware of any Conflict of Interest or potential Conflict of Interest arising from prior or existing contracts or relationships which could materially affect its capability to comply with the obligations under the Consultancy Contract; and
- (d) is not blacklisted by any Federal or Provincial governmental or nongovernmental department/ agency in Pakistan, or any other provincial government/ governments of any foreign countries or their governmental bodies and /or International Organizations, as at the submission deadline; and
- (e) does not fall within any of the circumstances for ineligibility listed in Instructions to Consultants Clauses 18.1, 13.1, 6.1, and 2.2 (Eligibility Criteria – Bid Data Sheet) of the RFP Document;

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Authorized Signature [In full and initials]:	
Name and Title of Signatory:	
Name of Firm:	

Appendix C - Power of Attorney⁴⁴

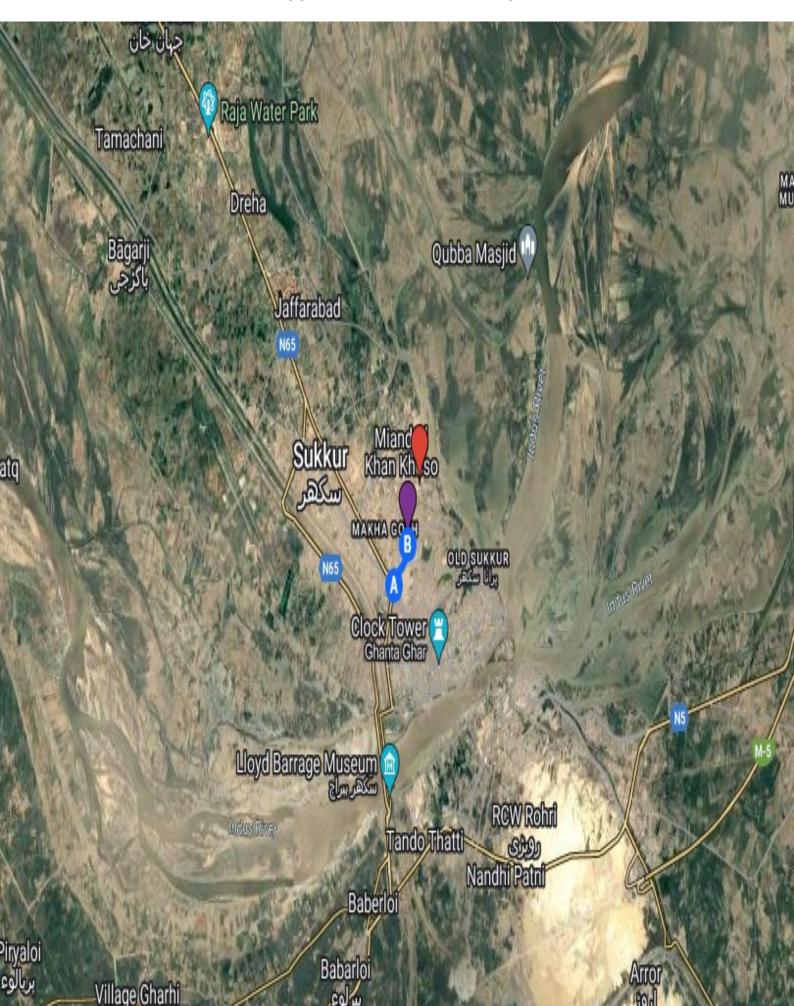
[On stamp paper of PKR 200]

[Location, Date]

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Know all men by these presents, we,	<i>[insert name</i> e of the firm] do hereby constitute, appoint and
and address of the registered office	e of the firm] do hereby constitute, appoint and
presently employed with <i>lus or the l</i>	[insert name and father name] who is ead Member of our Consortium] and holding
the position of	as our Attorney. to do in our name and on our
behalf, all or any of the acts, deeds	_ as our Attorney, to do in our name and on our or things necessary or incidental to our Bid for
providing consultancy services in re-	elation to the feasibility study and transaction
	and development of water distribution system
	ship mode ('Assignment'), including signing, ication/ Proposals (Technical and Financial) and
	ices, responding to queries, submission of
	to represent us in all its dealings with the Sukkur
	ernment entity or any person, in connection with
of relevant Projects documents.	ocess of bidding and thereafter till the execution
or relevant i rojects documents.	
	eds and things lawfully done by our said attorney
	nd that all acts, deeds, and things done by our
aforesaid attorney shall and shall alwa	ays be deemed to have been done by us.
For and on behalf of	
Authorized Signature [In full and initia	ls]:
Name and Title of Signatory:	
Name of Firm:	
Address:	
Witnesses:	
Signature:	Signature:
Name: CNIC No.:	Name: CNIC No.:
CNIC No.:	CNIC No.:

⁴⁴ In case of a Consortium, a separate power of attorney (on this format) to be provided/ executed by each member of the Consortium (including the Lead Member) in favor of a representative and attorney of the Lead Member of the Consortium. The mode of execution of the Power of Attorney should be in accordance with the procedure, if any, laid down by the applicable law and the charter documents of the executant(s) and when it is so required the same should be under common seal affixed in accordance with the required procedure. For a power of attorney executed and issued overseas, the same will also have to be legalized by the Pakistan Embassy and notarized in the jurisdiction where the power of attorney is being issued.

Appendix D - Location Map



Appendix E – Documents Checklist

The prospective Bidder (individual firm or consortium) shall provide the **checklist**, **attached with Form Tech-1 (TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM)**, containing information of the required documents accompanied with the Technical proposal that must be appropriately filled, signed, and stamped by the Bidder's authorized representative. **While submitting the bid, the Technical proposals need to follow the instructions as recommended below:**

- the Bidder (in case of a Consortium, <u>each member</u>) must consult the RFP Document for checking the documents' requirement against each criterion and sub-criterion;
- the documents are placed in order as listed below (and those as deemed necessary for qualifying the eligibility and technical evaluation criteria);
- the documents contain substantial evidence (work orders, contracts with a clear scope, and completion certificates or any other substantial evidence if the completion certificates are not available) against the claimed projects' experience and its milestones achieved;
- the documents are printed using paper's double sides, where possible;
- the documents are indexed with page numbers repeat with page numbers as mentioned below;
- the documents (Technical Proposal) do not disclose any information relating to the Financial Bid;
- the documents are submitted, preferably using two-holes file folders/ pockets.
- The Bidder/ Consultant must note that the Procuring Agency's consultant selection committee shall rely on the following information, as provided, during the evaluation stage. <u>It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder to provide</u> the information in a proper manner as required under the Checklist.

Bidder's Name:	
RFP Ref. No.:	SMC/XEN/PPP-MODE/RFP/790 of 2023
Procuring Agency:	Sukkur Municipal Corporation
Assignment Title:	Feasibility study and transaction advisory services for rehabilitation and development of water distribution system Sukkur under public-private partnership mode
Submission Date: Technical Proposal:	// 2023

Sr.			Document Title with I	Description		Check	Page No.
Gene	neral Requirements						
1.	Techn	ical and Financial proposals	are in a separate and	sealed envelope			N/A
2.	Alterna	ative bids or proposals are n	ot submitted	•			N/A
3.	All pag	ges of original Proposal initia	led by authorized repre	esentative of Consultar	nts		N/A
4.		list has been properly filled a					N/A
Tech		roposal Requirements	'	•		.	l
5.		Tech 1: Technical Proposal S	Submission Form				
6.		Tech 2: Consultant's Organiz					
•		eneral Experience (infrastr		projects)			<u> </u>
		easibility or technical due d			ture projects:		
	Sr. #	Project Title	Work Order	Contract Agreement	Completion Certificate		
	II.	Insert project title here Insert project title here	Insert page number Insert page number	Insert page number Insert page number	Insert page number Insert page number		
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	6.1.2 Initial environmental examination or environmental impact assessment for infrastructure projects						
	Sr. #	Project Title	Work Order	Contract Agreement	Completion Certificate		
	I.	Insert project title here	Insert page number	Insert page number	Insert page number		
	II.	Insert project title here	Insert page number	Insert page number	Insert page number		
	6.1.3 Bidding package for infrastructure development or turnkey or EPC projects						
	Sr. # Project Title Work Order Contract Agreement Completion Certificate						
	I.	Insert project title here	Insert page number	Insert page number	Insert page number		
	II.	Insert project title here	Insert page number	Insert page number	Insert page number		
	6.1.4 Financial model and project structuring for infrastructure development or turnkey or EPC projects						
	Sr. #	Project Title	Work Order	Contract Agreement	Completion Certificate		
	I.	Insert project title here	Insert page number	Insert page number	Insert page number		
	II.	Insert project title here	Insert page number	Insert page number	Insert page number		
	6.2 Re	elevant Experience (urban	development projects	s)			l
	6.2.1 F	Planning or designing for cor	nstruction or expansion	of water related project	ets	_	
	Sr. #	Project Title	Work Order	Contract Agreement	Completion Certificate		

	I.	Insert project title here	Insert page number	Insert page number	Insert page number		
	II.	Insert project title here	Insert page number	Insert page number	Insert page number		
	III.	Insert project title here	Insert page number	Insert page number	Insert page number		
	IV.	Insert project title here	Insert page number	Insert page number	Insert page number		
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	6.2.2 1	Environmental impact assess	sment studies for const	ruction of infrastructure	e or social projects		
	Sr. #	Project Title	Work Order	Contract Agreement	Completion Certificate		
	I.	Insert project title here	Insert page number	Insert page number	Insert page number		
	II.	Insert project title here	Insert page number	Insert page number	Insert page number		
	6231	Bidding package for infrastru	cture or social develop	ment projects under Pl	PP mode		
			<u> </u>				
	Sr. #	Project Title	Work Order	Contract Agreement	Completion Certificate		
	<u>l.</u>	Insert project title here	Insert page number	Insert page number	Insert page number		
	II.	Insert project title here	Insert page number	Insert page number	Insert page number		
	III.	Insert project title here	Insert page number	Insert page number	Insert page number		
	6.2.4 l	_egal assessment of unsolici	ted proposal for infrast	ructure development p	roject under PPP mode		
	Sr. #	Project Title	Work Order	Contract Agreement	Completion Certificate		
	I.	Insert project title here	Insert page number	Insert page number	Insert page number		
	6.2.5 Financial model and project structuring for infrastructure or social projects under PPP mode						
	Sr. #	Project Title	Work Order	Contract Agreement	Completion Certificate		
	I.	Insert project title here	Insert page number	Insert page number	Insert page number		
	II.	Insert project title here	Insert page number	Insert page number	Insert page number		
	III.	Insert project title here	Insert page number	Insert page number	Insert page number		
7.	Form	Tech 3: Comments and Sug	gestions on the TOR ar	nd Resources			
8.	Form Tech 4: Description of Approach, Methodology and Work Plan						
9.							
10.				or certificate of the Ke	v Professional Staff		
	 Form Tech 6: CVs along with the last educational degree or certificate of the Key Professional Staff □ ■ ■ 						
	10.1.1 Financial Team Leader						
	10.1.3 Project Finance Expert						
		echnical Team					I
	10.2.1	Technical Team Leader					
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	10.2.2 Water Resources Management Specialist	
	10.2.3 Structural Design Engineer	
	10.2.4 Mechanical Design Engineer	
	10.2.5 Infrastructure Engineer	
	10.2.6 Civil Engineer	
	10.2.7 Quantity Surveyor	
	10.2.8 Material Engineer	
	10.2.9 Geotechnical/ GIS Expert	
	10.2.10 Architect	
	10.2.11 Electrical Engineer	
	10.2.12 Environmental Expert	
	10.2.13 Social Safeguard Specialist	
	10.3 Legal Team	
	10.3.1 Legal Team Leader	
	10.3.2 Legal Expert	
	10.3.3 Legal Associate/ Land Records or Acquisition Specialist	
11.	Form Tech 7: Staffing Schedule	
12.	Form Tech 8: Work Schedule	
13.	Appendix C- Power of Attorney – on stamp paper of required value	
14.	Appendix B – Affidavit (non-blacklisting) – on stamp paper of required value	
15.	Appendix A - Integrity Pact	
16.	Consortium Agreement (in case of a Consortium only)	
17.	Constituent Documents (Memorandum & Articles of Association or equivalent)	
18.	Registration Documents (NTN, SRB, PEC, PCTAP, as applicable)	
19.	Company Profile(s)	
20.	Audit Reports (Balance Sheets, Income and Cash Flow Statements)	
21.	Income Tax Returns	
22.	Qualification Track Record (Contracts with Completion Certificates or any other substantial evidence)	
23.	Bid Security Financial Instrument (without showing or disclosing the amount on it)	
24.	Historical Contracts Non-Performing Details	
25.	Litigation History	

Fina	ncial Proposal		
26.	Form FIN 1: Financial Proposal Submission Form		N/A
27.	Form FIN 2: Summary of Costs inclusive of all the applicable taxes		N/A
28.	Bid Security (2%) of the Quoted Bid Price		N/A
29.	Bid Security covers minimum time, i.e., valid up to 28 days beyond bid validity period		N/A
30.	30. Manner of payment of Bid Security is as per the terms and conditions of the RFP Document		N/A
Autho	orized Signature [In full and initials]:		
Name	and Title of Signatory: Stamp:		