



Government of Nepal
Ministry of Communication and Information Technology
National Information Technology Development Committee
National Information Technology Center

Clarification Notice No. 1
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This is to notify all concerned that Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, National Information Technology Center, Singhadurbar, Kathmandu has made the following clarifications on the queries raised by prospective bidders regarding the bidding documents for the “**Construction of Data Center at Kohalpur, Banke**, IFB No.: NITC/W/NCB-11/2078-79” as per the notice published on Falgun 4, 2078 (February 16, 2022) in the “Nagarik Daily” national daily newspaper and www.bolpatra.gov.np/egp.

Queries	Replies
1. Request you for time extension to 20 th April so that we can collect adequate information for bid preparation and submission. The reasons are as follows:	
I. The plan and design need to be refined and the time is too short	The design of the building has already been finalized. Hence, the plan and design need not be refined.
II. The original CAD, drawing test, building layout and other supporting documents are not included in the bidding document. It takes time to refine the design detail. Also, hopefully NITC can provide all related documents as soon as possible	All related drawings and document of the project shall be provided to the winning bidder at the time of contract.
III. To provide a high-quality technical solution and ensure the quality of the project after construction, it is necessary to conduct on-site inspection and environmental data collection.	The bidder may visit the site for the preparation of bid on its own risk and responsibility as stated in “Section I: Instructions to Bidders, 7.2” of the bidding document.
IV. As an international company, it takes a long time to issue a letter of credit.	Please follow as per bidding document.
V. Time extension to 20th April	Please refer Addendum Notice No. 3
2. The contract period is of 24 months and the price of construction materials are changing every single month abruptly. There is no consideration of Price Adjustment in this project however it could be provided as per Public Procurement Act Clause 55. What is your assumption for not considering it? We request you to reconsider it.	Please follow as per bidding document.
3. You are going to construct data center building along with some equipment as well. Why is your requirement for qualification focused only for civil contractor? Do you assume an unexperienced contractor for construction of	Please refer Addendum Notice No. 3



<p>data center can have understanding of the project that you expect? What is your understanding regarding quality assurance of the project? We request you to reconsider the selection criteria.</p>	
<p>4. What is the procedure to get drawings for better understanding of this project? Specially related to MEP and data center?</p>	<p>All related drawings and document of the project shall be provided to the winning bidder.</p>
<p>5. In ITB 14.6 and GCC 53.1 you have mention, there is no any price escalation though the project period is 24 months. As per PPMO guideline if the project is more than 15 months there will be provision of price escalation. Hence, we request you to reconsider in this matter.</p>	<p>Please follow as per bidding document.</p>
<p>6. In Section III: Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, 2.4.2 Specific Construction Experience you have asked experience of only civil contractor but it is a civil plus data center building, so I would like to draw your attention that in specific construction experience it will be better to ask Civil Construction with data center building so that you will get the better quality of works as the selected contractor will have experience of similar nature.</p>	<p>Please refer Addendum Notice No. 3</p>
<p>7. It is mentioned "Not Applicable" in "Table of Price Adjustment Data" of the bidding document. However, it is mentioned that "The Contract "is" subject to price adjustment, and the following information regarding coefficient "does not" apply" in the "Clause 53.1" of "General Condition of Contract (GCC). "The Intended Completion Date for the whole of the Works shall be: 24 Months from the date Commencement" is mentioned in GCC clause 1.1(v). This clause in the bidding document does not adhere to Public Procurement Act Clause 55. Moreover, "Table of Price Adjustment Data" is mentioned as "Not Applicable which is required for coefficient of "Materials, Equipment and Construction Labours"</p>	<p>Please follow as per bidding document.</p>
<p>8. But there is no specific requirement for the contractor's experience mentioned in the bidding document. How does the employer ensure that normal building contractor can perform the specific nature of work within the employer's expected time and quality</p>	<p>Please refer Addendum Notice No. 3</p>