

## **MINUTES OF PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING**

**Selection of consulting services for Environmental and Social Management Planning Framework for the components of Phase-II under AIIB funded “Assam Intra State Transmission System Enhancement Project”**

<b>MINUTES OF PRE-BID MEETING (VIDEO CONFERENCE) HELD ON:</b>	<b>06.03.2023</b>
<b>NAME OF THE PROJECT</b>	<b>ASSAM INTRA-STATE TRANSMISSION SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS-Phase-II</b>
<b>FUNDING AGENCY</b>	<b>ASIAN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT BANK (AIIB)</b>
<b>NAME OF THE WORK</b>	<b>Consulting Services for Environmental and Social Management Planning Framework</b>
<b>RFP No.:</b>	<b>AEGCL/MD/AIIB Phase-II/E&amp;S/Consultant/2023/05</b>

### **NAMES OF THOSE PRESENT:**

#### **I. FROM AEGCL:**

1. Manju Rabha, GM (EAP), AEGCL
2. Anindita Das, DGM (EAP), AEGCL
3. Dipayan Chanda, AGM (Project), AEGCL
4. Karabi Buragohain, AM (Project), AEGCL
5. Dibya Jyoti Baruah, Social Safeguard Consultant, AEGCL
6. Rahul Choudhury, Environmental Safeguard Consultant, AEGCL
7. Bodhaditya Roy, Environmental Safeguard Consultant, AEGCL

#### **II. FROM PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS:**

##### **A. BIDDERS THAT WERE PRESENT AT THE PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING:**

##### **Members Present in the Pre-Proposal Meeting via Video Conference**

1. Mr. Kaleem Qureashi (Sr. Manager Business Development), EQMS Global Pvt. Ltd.
2. Ms. Navroj Kaur, PWC India.

##### **B. QUERIES RAISED THROUGH E-MAIL:**

1. Rushiraj Rohit, (Executive-Tendering), TUV SUD South Asia Pvt. Ltd.

**QUERIES ON THE RFP DOCUMENT**

S.no.	Clause No.	RFP Description	Query	Response from AEGCL
<b>Volume-II-TOR</b>				
<b>1.</b>	<b>Sub-task A6:</b> Requirements on subproject ESIA and ESMP	<p>The Consultant will review and propose an institutional arrangement with the AEGCL for implementing the ESMPF, conducting screening and ESIA for subprojects, monitoring, reporting and capacity building programs. The institutional arrangement will indicate roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders, in terms of implementation, supervision and monitoring for subprojects.</p> <p>The Consultant will explain how to use the ESMPF in subproject cycle, from screening, to development of instruments (ESIA, ESMP and/or RAP), and domestic and AIIB review/clearance processes. In particular, the ESMPF will provide a proposed process for screening of sub-projects by AEGCL, including a matrix with criteria for categorizing subprojects and determining the level of environmental and social assessment that may be required for different types of sub-projects. As part of this process, the Consultant will develop a screening form to assist AEGCL in surveys of candidate sites.</p> <p>The Consultant will also provide guidance and requirements on ESIA, ESMP and RAP for subprojects by developing generic ESMP, Mitigation Checklists and terms of References for ESIA study to be included as</p>	Whether AEGCL to provide the primary data like, route maps of T/Ls, proposed Substation location maps, survey details etc for all locations.	<p>For the locations where Preliminary Route Survey has been completed and land is finalized, the required information for the task shall be provided from AEGCL end to the awarded firm.</p> <p>For the locations where there is no availability of data, B-line assessment may be considered.</p> <p>Bidders may take the reference from the uploaded ESMPF for Phase-I under AIIB funded AISTSEP in the AEGCL website.</p>

		Annexes.		
2.	<b>Task B:</b> Preparation of Resettlement Policy Framework including an Entitlement Matrix	<p>The Consultant shall identify the possible resettlement and loss of livelihood issues that each subproject and activity are likely to generate. The ESMPF will prescribe the rules for securing land required by the Project and the resettlement of affected people.</p> <p>The Consultant will examine the various land tenure and ownership systems in the State of Assam, and the different legal instruments regarding government and individual land acquisition and resettlement and compensation policies. The ESMPF shall identify and describe any discrepancies identified in the different legal instruments. The ESMPF shall also identify the legally mandated institutions associated with these legal instruments and their respective roles. This should be at all levels where implementation of project activities is likely to take place. Special attention should be given to local institutions and structures at the project sites. The institutional arrangements will include implementation and monitoring mechanisms that ensure inclusiveness and participation of all affected people (men and women), communities, and vulnerable and marginalized groups.</p> <p>The Consultant will lay out the Bank's policy on Involuntary Resettlement (ESS 2) and assess how this applies to the Project. The ESMPF shall present the gaps between ESS 2 on involuntary resettlement and the relevant legislation of the State of Assam. Measures and recommendations to</p>	clarification, sought whether survey needs to be carried out for identification of project affected persons (APs).	As per the scope of work, only preparation of Resettlement Policy Framework including an Entitlement Matrix is required.

		<p>bridge the gap between the two institutional frameworks should be identified and explained.</p> <p>Based on the above, Resettlement Planning Framework (RPF) for securing lands for the proposed project needs shall be formulated. Generic principles include, but are not limited to estimating replacement values for land and structures, rehabilitation measures for livelihoods, etc. This RPF shall include a detailed Entitlement Matrix for all categories of affected people. In case of land acquisition, removal of the encroachments and squatters and vendors, an Entitlement Matrix is required to clearly identify rightful claimants (Affected Persons) of compensation and the amount of compensation accruing to the claimants. The Entitlement Matrix shall further provide guidance on engaging with the Affected Persons, conducting consultations on the need and benefit of clearing the encroachment, agreement on the compensation amount and actual payment of compensation.</p> <p>The RPF should clearly state the sources of funding for subsequent Resettlement Action Plans (RAP), an overall cost estimates for resettlement including for monitoring of the resettlement activities. The financial responsibility of the relevant stakeholders, where applicable, should be categorically stated to avoid ambiguity of source of funds for resettlement activities. These budgets should take into consideration inflationary tendencies.</p> <p>To avoid confusion with cut-off dates and other time lines especially because</p>	
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		compensation will have to be paid prior to commencement of any civil works, it is important for the RPF to set out implementation schedule for the resettlement. The RPF shall in addition to the implementation schedule identify potential risks that could affect the smooth implementation of the resettlement actions and suggest plausible mitigation measures to serve as a guide to the client and the team who will be working on the implementation.		
3.	Required Qualification and Experience of Key Experts	<b>Key Expert:</b> Environmental Engineer (Advisory)  <b>Minimum Qualifications and Experience:</b> 15 years of experience in energy transmission/distribution planning, construction and maintenance. The engineer should also have experience with the operation and maintenance of electricity supply.	Request for considering the qualification and experience of the expert as of Environmental Specialist.	No change in clause.  The expert should be from the technical background having experience in transmission/distribution planning, construction and maintenance. Knowledge in Environmental management in the transmission/distribution sector will be an added advantage.
<b>RFP Notice</b>				
4.	RFP No.: AEGCL/MD/ AIIB Phase-II/ Consultant/2023/05 dated 27.03.2023	<b>A) Critical Dates:</b>  Tender Start Date: 28/02/2023 Submission Start Date: 08/03/2023 Tender End Date: 15/03/2023 Opening Date of Techno Commercial bid: 15/03/2023 Pre-Proposal Meeting: 06/03/2023	Request for extension of 15 days from Tender End Date, i.e., 15/03/2023,	No change in scheduled tender end date.