



Request for Expression of Interest (Consultancy Services)

Neelam Valley Road is the main existing road in Muzaffarabad City and proposal is to enhance rehabilitation activities in the damaged area and to improve the transportation convenience within the city and outside the city in terms of providing an alternative corridor. In light of this, the West Bank Bypass Construction Project consisting of road works and bridges including Naluchi Bridge (Extra Dosed bridge) on Jhelum River has been singled out as the top priority project in the reconstruction activities in the earthquake damaged area. Considering this, the Government of Pakistan has decided to allocate a part of the counter part fund of JBIC emergency earthquake recovery loan to this project. The design for the project has since been undertaken and this assignment covers the construction supervision consultancy.

The project detail consists of 5 Km new Bypass with 2 packages. The first package has 1 km of the road length and one Extra Dosed Naluchi Bridge of 246 Meter span with centre pier, single deck PC Box superstructure, plus 168 Meter Viaduct Approach Bridge of PC Box girders. The second package consists of 4 Km road improvement with some normal structures and slope works. The first package of construction will be for ICB (International Competitive Bidding), and the second for NCB (National Competitive Bidding). However the consultancy services cover both two-construction packages.

This project is expected to commence in 2008 and completed by 2011. The total man-months tentatively provided are 548. The key staff has to be well experienced in supervising this special type of bridge (Extra Dosed) construction apart from Highway construction.

The scopes of the consultancy services are:

- (i) Pre-construction stage by providing assistance in tender schedules, bid evaluation and monitoring of tender activities etc. (may be curtailed / deleted if found expedient by NHA to do this part itself).
- (ii) Construction Supervision services including project management and assistance in Environmental aspects by performing the functions of the "Engineer" of the project for the purposes of this contract till satisfactory completion and handing over of this project after the tests as prescribed.

The National Highway Authority now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochure including details of specific involvement in construction supervision of cable-stayed and Extra Dosed bridges, description of similar assignments experience in similar conditions and availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may associate with local and specialist consultant for cable-stayed bridge in a joint venture to enhance their qualification and joint responsibility for supervision of the bridge.

A consultant will be selected after the examination of the details furnished by them in response to this advertisement and Employer has the option to select more than one Consultant for the two packages dependent on the response received. A specimen copy of the desirable details of consulting services can be download from the website www.nha.gov.pk, www.ppra.gov.pk, www.erra.gov.pk and United Nations Development business online (UNDB) online) along with this notice.

EOI must be delivered to the address below not later than **14th March, 2008**.

NHA reserves the right to reject any or all applications without assigning any reason(s) thereof.

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