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Agreement for Selection of a Master Developer
under NICDP**

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National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) Limited, an ISO 9001:2015 certified organisation is a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) under the Administrative Control of DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce & Industry that carries out project development activities and coordinates the implementation of various Industrial Corridor projects under the flagship 'National Industrial Corridor Development Programme'.

NICDC Limited invites proposals for Engagement of Consultant for Structuring PPP Options and preparation of Tender Document and Concession Agreement/Joint Venture Agreement for Selection of a Master Developer under NICDP. The salient features of the assignment, eligibility criteria and prescribed formats for submission can be accessed in the RfQ cum RfP document uploaded on the website: www.nicdc.in or from GeM Portal (<https://gem.gov.in/>)

Interested and eligible applicants are requested to submit their **online responses** to the RfQ-cum-RfP at <https://www.gem.gov.in> on or before **11:00 AM (IST), 19th February 2026**.

Sd/-
**CEO & MD,
NICDC Ltd.**

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1. This RfQ-cum-RfP is neither an agreement nor an offer by the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Limited (“**NICDC**”) to any of the prospective applicants or any other persons. The purpose of this RfQ-cum-RfP is to provide information to any interested Applicants that may be useful to them in the formulation of their proposal pursuant to this RfQ-cum-RfP.
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6. NICDC reserves the right to change/ modify/ amend any or all provisions of this RfQ-cum-RfP. Such changes/ modifications/ amendments to the RfQ-cum-RfP will be made available on the

Government e Marketplace & website of NICDC and will be deemed to be a part of the RfQ-cum-RfP.

7. The RfQ-cum-RfP, ensuing communications, and contracts shall determine the legal and commercial relationship between the Applicant(s) and NICDC. No other Government or NICDC's document/ guidelines/ manuals, including its procurement manual (for internal and official use of its officers), notwithstanding any mention thereof in the RfQ-cum-RfP, shall have any locus-standi in such a relationship. Therefore, such documents/ guidelines/ Manuals shall not be admissible in legal or dispute resolution or grievance redressal proceedings.
8. Information contained in the RfQ-cum-RfP or subsequently provided to the applicant(s) is on the terms and conditions set out in the RfQ-cum-RfP.
9. Each applicant's procurement of this RfQ-cum-RfP constitutes its agreement to, and acceptance of, the terms set forth in this disclaimer. By acceptance of this RfQ-cum-RfP, the recipient agrees that this RfQ-cum-RfP and any information herewith supersedes any other documents(s) or earlier information, if any, in relation to the subject matter hereto.

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Section 1: Letter of Invitation

New Delhi

Date: ____ January, 2026

1 **Background:**

- 1.1 The National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (“**NICDP**”) is a central sector scheme intended to create greenfield industrial smart cities/clusters of global standards. These industrial cities/clusters are built “ahead of demand” with ‘plug-n-play’ infrastructure & ICT enabled utilities, walk to work culture facilitating manufacturing investments. The projects are developed in partnership with State Governments. Government of India provides funds as equity and/or debt for trunk infrastructure development, and States provide land as their equity contribution.
- 1.2 Till date Trunk infrastructure (roads & utilities, STP, CETP, WTP, command & control center, administrative building, area landscaping etc.) has been completed in 4 (four) projects namely, Dholera, Ahmedabad in Gujarat; Shendra-Bidkin, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar in Maharashtra; Integrated Industrial Townships in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh & Vikram Udyogpuri, Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh. Land allotment for industrial and mixed use is in progress in these projects.
- 1.3 Four (04) more projects under construction comprise of 2 (two) industrial areas in Tumakuru, Karnataka and Krishnapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. EPC contractors have been appointed in both. Two more under construction projects are, IMLH (Integrated Multimodal Logistics Hub), Nangal Chaudhary, Haryana and MMLH & MMTH (Multimodal Logistics Hub & Multimodal Transport Hub), Greater Noida, UP. Both IMLH and MMLH projects are being developed under PPP mode. MMTH is a transportation hub project for NCR, having both EPC and PPP components.
- 1.4 In August, 2024, the Government of India approved 12 (twelve) more Industrial Corridor Projects in Aug, 2024. These 12 (twelve) projects cover the length and breadth of the country which are less served industrial areas requiring planned industrialization. 6 (six) projects are in AKIC – 2 (two) in UP (Agra & Prayagraj) & 1 (one) each in Bihar (Gaya), Uttarakhand (Khurpia), Haryana (Hisar) & Punjab (Rajpura Patiala). 2 (two) projects fall under DMIC – Rajasthan (Jodhpur-Pali – Marwar region) & Maharashtra (Dighi port industrial area). 2 (two) projects in AP – VCIC (Kopparthy) & HBIC (Orvakal). 1 (one) project each in Telangana - HNIC (Zaheerabad) & Kerala - CBIC Extn. (Palakkad).
- 1.5 National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (“**NICDC**”) Limited, an autonomous body under Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (“**DPIIT**”), Govt of India has been set up for coordinated implementation of the NICDP. NICDC has been mandated to act as a project development company which undertakes various pre-feasibility, feasibility, master planning and engineering studies for developing greenfield industrial smart cities. NICDC also functions as the Knowledge Partner to the National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (“**NICDIT**”) (formerly, DMIC Trust), all Project SPVs and the State Government agencies for the implementation of the NICDP.
- 1.6 NICDC intends to engage a qualified and experienced Consultant to provide comprehensive technical assistance for structuring PPP options and preparing bid and contractual documentation required for the transparent selection of a Master Developer under NICDP. The Consultant shall undertake benchmarking and analysis of alternative PPP models, recommend the most suitable structuring framework for NICDP projects, and subsequently prepare and finalize the RFQ-cum-

RFP, Concession Agreement and/or Joint Venture Agreement, and related documents in alignment with applicable guidelines, model documents, and NICDC's requirements, thereby enabling the timely and effective implementation of infrastructure projects under the programme.

- 1.7 With the aforesaid background, NICDC invites proposals from reputed & eligible applicants for the Assignment entitled **“Engagement of Consultant for Structuring PPP Options and preparation of Tender Document and Concession Agreement/Joint Venture Agreement for Selection of a Master Developer under NICDP”**.

2 **Critical Data Sheet:**

- 2.1 Interested Applicants may download the RfQ-cum-RfP online from the following websites: (i) Government E-Marketplace – “<https://www.gem.gov.in>”, or NICDC's official website – “<https://www.nicdc.in/>” (the “**Official Websites**”).

- 2.2 Some important dates for this RfQ-cum-RfP process are as follows:

S. No.	Description of the event	Date (‘D’ denotes the Effective Date)
1.	Date of the issuance of the RfQ-cum-RfP.	D+0_ 15 January 2026
2.	Last date of receiving queries/requests for clarification.	D+7_ 22 January 2026
3.	Pre-bid Meeting.	D+8_ 23 January 2026
4.	Uploading of responses to pre-bid queries.	D+18_ 02 February 2026
5.	Last Date for submission of the Proposal.	D+35_ 19 February 2026

- 3 **Objective:** The objective of this RFQ-cum-RFP is to engage a qualified and experienced Consultant to provide comprehensive technical assistance for structuring PPP options and preparing bid and contractual documentation required for the transparent selection of a Master Developer under NICDP. The Consultant shall undertake benchmarking and analysis of alternative PPP models, recommend the most suitable structuring framework for NICDP projects, and subsequently prepare and finalize the RFQ-cum-RFP, Concession Agreement and/or Joint Venture Agreement, and related documents in alignment with applicable guidelines, model documents, and NICDC's requirements, thereby enabling the timely and effective implementation of infrastructure projects under the programme.

The detailed Terms of Reference shall be as described in Section 6 (*Terms of Reference*) of this RfQ-cum-RfP.

4 **Contents of the RfQ-cum-RfP:**

Section 1	–	Letter of Invitation
Section 2	–	Instructions to Consultants
Section 3	–	Data Sheet
Section 4	–	Technical Bid – Standard Forms
Section 5	–	Financial Bid – Standard Forms
Section 6	–	Terms of Reference
Section 7	–	Standard Form of Contract
Appendices	–	Other relevant information, forms and formats

5 **Clarifications:** All clarifications/ corrigenda/ addenda will be published only on the Official Websites mentioned above.

Yours sincerely,

**CEO & MD,
National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Ltd.**

Section 2: Instructions to Applicants

1. Background

- 1.1 The objective of National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP) is to create world-class, sustainable, and smart industrial infrastructure to foster manufacturing competitiveness, attract investments, and generate employment opportunities across the country;
- 1.2 National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) has been entrusted with the task of conceptualizing, planning, and implementing projects under NICDP, in close coordination with State Governments, Central Ministries, and other stakeholders;
- 1.3 The scale and complexity of NICDP projects necessitate active participation of the private sector, and it is therefore essential to develop suitable Public-Private Partnership (PPP) structures that ensure balanced risk allocation, financial viability, operational efficiency, and long-term sustainability;
- 1.4 In order to achieve the above, it is necessary to undertake a benchmarking study of comparable national and international projects to assess various project structuring options relevant to NICDP, to develop multiple PPP structuring models with detailed analysis, to examine the advantages and disadvantages of each model, and to recommend the most appropriate structuring framework for the proposed developments;
- 1.5 Following the identification of the preferred structuring model, it is further required to prepare the complete set of bid documents necessary for the transparent and competitive selection of a Master Developer or Concessionaire, including the drafting of the Request for Qualification-cum-Request for Proposal (RFQ-cum-RFP) (with clear eligibility requirements, evaluation criteria, and modalities of development, as well as the preparation and finalization of the Concession Agreement or Joint Venture Agreement in accordance with guidelines and model documents issued by relevant Central or State authorities;
- 1.6 The Consultant engaged under this assignment will be expected to adapt and refine existing model documents as necessary, to ensure their suitability for NICDP projects, and to work closely with NICDC in finalizing the tender documents and concession frameworks, with all technical and project-specific details to be provided by NICDC;
- 1.7 Now through this RFQ-cum-RFP, NICDC i.e. the Authority seeks to engage a qualified and experienced Consultant to provide the aforesaid services, encompassing the structuring of PPP options, the preparation of bid documentation, and the drafting of concession and/or joint venture agreements, in order to facilitate the efficient and transparent selection of a Master Developer for the implementation of infrastructure projects under NICDP.

2. The RfQ-cum-RfP

2.1 Basic Tender Details

This 'RfQ-cum-RfP' details the terms and conditions for entering a contract for delivery of the consultancy services (hereinafter called "**the Services**") described in Section 6 (Terms of Reference).

2.2 General

- 2.2.1 The Client named in Section 3 (*Data Sheet*) will select a consulting firm/organization (the "**Consultant**") in accordance with the method of selection specified in Section 3 (Data Sheet). Applicants shall be deemed to have understood and agreed that no explanation or justification for any aspect of the Selection Process will be given by the Client and that the Client's decisions are without any right of appeal whatsoever.
- 2.2.2 The description of the Assignment has been mentioned in Section 3 (*Data Sheet*). Further, the detailed scope of the Assignment has been described in Section 6 (Terms of Reference).
- 2.2.3 The Applicants are invited to submit Pre-Qualification, Technical and Financial Proposals (collectively, the "**Proposal**"), as specified in this RfQ-cum-RfP, for the appointment of Consultant required to be performed as per the Assignment. The Proposal shall be submitted as per the forms given in relevant sections herewith. Upon selection, the Applicant shall be required to enter into a contract with the Client in the form specified in this RfQ-cum-RfP (the "**Contract**").
- 2.2.4 The term "**Applicant**" refers to a single entity to submit the Proposal. Joint venture or any Consortium is not permitted. The Proposal will form the basis for the Contract signing between the Client and the selected Applicant. The selected Applicant shall provide services for Consultant in accordance with Section 6 (Terms of Reference).
- 2.2.5 The Applicants are encouraged to submit their respective Proposals after visiting the office of the Client, and ascertain for themselves the availability of documents and other data with the Client, Applicable Law and regulations or any other matter considered relevant by the Applicant.
- 2.2.6 The Client will timely provide, at no cost to the Applicants, the inputs, facilities, and related reports, available with the Client, for preparation of the Proposals by the Applicants. However, for avoidance of doubt, it is hereby clarified that the aforesaid data/ information provided under the RfQ-cum-RfP or such other data/ information that may be provided under the RfQ-cum-RfP, is only indicative and solely for the purposes of rendering assistance to the Applicants towards preparation of their Proposals. The Applicants are hereby advised to undertake their own due diligence (to their complete satisfaction) before placing reliance on any such data/information furnished or to be provided later by the Client and/ or any of their associated agencies.

2.3 Conflict of Interest

- 2.3.1 The Client requires that the selected Applicant/Consultant provides professional, objective, and impartial advice and at all times hold the Client's interests' paramount at all times, and shall not try to get benefits beyond the legitimate payments and credentials in the Contract.

- 2.3.2 The Consultant should strictly avoid conflicts with other assignments or its own interests, and act without any consideration for future work.
- 2.3.3 The selected Applicant/Consultant shall not accept or engage in any assignment that may place it in a position of not being able to carry out the assignment in the best interests of the Client and the Project. The Applicants must disclose to the Client in **Form 4A ‘Pre-Qualification Proposal Submission Form’** and **Form 4F ‘Technical Proposal Submission Form’** any actual or potential conflict that impacts its capacity to serve the best interest of the Client. Failure to disclose such situations shall be treated as a violation of the Code of Integrity and shall attract penalties mentioned therein. Proposals found to have a conflict of interest shall be rejected as non-responsive.
- 2.3.4 Without limitation on the generality of the preceding, an Applicant/Consultant in this Procurement Process shall be considered to have a conflict of interest if the Consultant (“**Conflict of Interest**”):
- 1 Conflicting Associations:
 - (a) directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by or is under common control with another Applicant; or
 - (b) receives or has received any direct or indirect subsidy/ financial stake from another Applicant; or
 - (c) has the same correspondence address or same legal representative/ agent as another Applicant for purposes of this proposal;
 - (d) has a relationship with another Applicant, directly or through common third parties, that puts it in a position to have access to information about or influence the Proposal of another Applicant or influence the decisions of the Client regarding this Selection Process.
 - 2 Unfair Competitive Advantage and Conflicting Activities: had (or any of its Affiliates) been engaged by the Client to provide goods, works, or services for a project, shall be disqualified from providing consulting services resulting from or directly related to those goods, works, or services.
 - 3 Conflicting Assignments: would (including its experts and sub-consultants) or any of its Affiliates) be or are providing consultancy services in any another assignment that, by its nature, may conflict with this Assignment.
 - 4 Commissions and Gratuities: The Applicant(s) shall disclose any commissions or fees that may have been paid or are to be paid to agents, representatives, or commission agents concerning the Selection Process or execution and performance of the resulting Contract. The information disclosed must include the name and address of the agent, representative, or commission agent, the amount and currency, and the purpose of the commission or fee.

- 5 Conflicting Relationships: has close business/ family relationship with a staff of the Client who are/ would be directly/ indirectly involved in any of the following activities:
- (a) Preparation of the RfQ-cum-RfP and/or Terms of Reference of the Selection Process; and/or
 - (b) Evaluation of Proposals or award of Contract, and/or
 - (c) Implementation/ supervision of the resulting Contract.
- 2.3.5 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in Clause 2.3.4 above, the prior engagement of an Applicant by the Client for any consulting assignment of a similar nature shall not, in and of itself, be deemed to constitute a Conflict of Interest. However, such Applicant shall be obligated to fully disclose any such prior engagement with the Client, as specified under **Form 4K**. The Client reserves the exclusive right to determine, in its sole and absolute discretion, whether such prior engagement constitutes a Conflict of Interest, and the Client's decision in this regard shall be final and binding upon the Applicant.
- 2.4 Dispute Resolution
- 2.4.1 This RfQ-cum-RfP and the rights and obligations of the Parties and any dispute arising under or relating thereto (whether in contract, tort or otherwise) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of India.
- 2.4.2 The Parties shall submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts in New Delhi, India.
- 2.5 Proposal Validity
- 2.5.1 The Proposal shall be valid for a period of not less than 180 (One Hundred and Eighty) days from the Proposal Due Date (the “PDD”). A Proposal valid for a shorter period shall be rejected as non-responsive. In case the day up to which the Proposals are to remain valid falls on/ subsequently declared a holiday or closed day for the Client, the Proposal validity shall automatically be deemed to be extended up to the next working day.
- 2.5.2 In exceptional circumstances, before the expiry of the original time limit, the Client may request the Applicants to extend the validity period for a specified additional period. The request and the Consultants' responses shall be made in writing or electronically.
- 2.5.3 The Applicants have the right to refuse to extend the validity of its Proposal, in which case such Proposal shall not be further evaluated, and the Client shall be required to return the Bid Security of such Applicant.
- 2.5.4 If the Applicant agrees to extend the validity of its Proposal, it shall be done without any change in the original Proposal and with the confirmation of the availability of the Personnel.

2.6 Brief description of the Selection Process

- 2.6.1 The Client has adopted a 3 (three) stage (collectively, the “**Selection Process**”) for the evaluation of the Proposals.
- 2.6.2 The Proposals shall comprise of three parts namely the Pre-Qualification, Technical Proposal, and Financial Proposal. The Pre-Qualification and Technical Proposal shall be submitted separately in Cover I. Financial Proposal shall be submitted separately in Cover II.
- 2.6.3 The submissions for Pre-Qualification shall be evaluated first as specified in this RfQ-cum-RfP (*Refer Clause 8.2.2 below*). Subsequently the technical evaluation as specified in this RfQ-cum-RfP (*Refer Clause 8.2.4 below*) will be carried out only for those Applicants who meet the Pre-Qualification criteria. Based on this technical evaluation, a list of technically qualified Applicants shall be prepared. The Financial Proposal of only the technically qualified Applicants will be opened. Subsequently the financial evaluation as specified in this RfQ-cum-RfP (*Refer Clause 8.2.7 below*) will be carried out. Proposals will finally be ranked according to their combined technical and financial scores as specified in this RfQ-cum-RfP (*Refer Annexure-IV below*). The first ranked Applicant (the “**Successful Applicant**”) shall be invited for negotiations. In case, the first ranked applicant does not accept the offer, the bid would be cancelled and re-tendered.

2.7 Right to reject any or all Proposals

- 2.7.1 Notwithstanding anything contained in this RfQ-cum-RfP, the Client reserves the right to accept or reject any Proposal and /or to annul the Selection Process and/or reject all Proposals, at any time without any liability or any obligation for such acceptance, rejection or annulment, and without assigning any reasons thereof.
- 2.7.2 Without prejudice to the generality of above, the Client reserves the right to reject any Proposal if:
- 1 at any time, a material misrepresentation is made or discovered, or
 - 2 the Applicant does not provide, within the time specified by the Client, the supplemental information sought by the Client for evaluation of the Proposal.
- 2.7.3 Any misrepresentation/ improper response by the Applicant may lead to the disqualification of the Applicant. If such disqualification/ rejection occurs after the Proposals have been opened and the highest-ranking Applicant gets disqualified/ rejected, then the Client reserves the right to consider the next best Applicant, or take any other measure as may be deemed fit in the sole discretion of the Client, including annulment of the Selection Process.

2.8 Acknowledgement by Applicant

It shall be deemed that by submitting the Proposal, the Applicant has:

- 1 made a complete and careful examination of the RfQ-cum-RfP;

- 2 received all relevant information requested from the Client;
- 3 accepted the risk of inadequacy, error or mistake in the information provided in the RfQ-cum-RfP or furnished by or on behalf of the Client;
- 4 satisfied itself about all matters, things and information, including matters herein above, necessary and required for submitting an informed Application and performance of all of its obligations there under;
- 5 acknowledged that it does not have a Conflict of Interest; and
- 6 agreed to be bound by the undertaking provided by it under and in term hereof.
- 7 Neither the Client nor its employees or associated agencies shall be liable for any omission, mistake or error on the part of the Applicant in respect of any of the above or on account of any matter or thing arising out of or concerning or relating to RfQ-cum-RfP or the Selection Process, including any error or mistake therein or in any information or data given by the Client nor its employees or associated agencies.

2.9 Clarification and Amendment of RfQ-cum-RfP

2.9.1 Downloading the RfQ-cum-RfP

The RfQ-cum-RfP can be downloaded as per the details given in Clause 2.1 of Letter of Invitation.

2.9.2 Corrigenda/ Addenda to RfQ-cum-RfP

- 1 Before the deadline for submitting Proposals, the Client may update, amend, modify, or supplement the information, assessment or assumptions contained in the RfQ-cum-RfP by issuing corrigenda and addenda. The corrigenda and addenda shall be published in the same manner as the original RfQ-cum-RfP. Without any liability or obligation, the Government e-Marketplace (“**GeM Portal**”) may send intimation of such corrigenda/ addenda to Applicants who have downloaded the document under their login. However, the Applicants must check the Official Website(s) for any corrigenda/ addenda. Any corrigendum or addendum thus issued shall be considered a part of the RfQ-cum-RfP.
- 2 To give reasonable time to the prospective Applicants to take such corrigendum/ addendum into account in preparing their Proposals, the Client may suitably extend the deadline for the Proposal submission as necessary. After the Client makes such modifications, any Applicant who has submitted their Proposal in response to the original invitation shall have the opportunity to either withdraw their Proposal or re-submit their Proposal superseding the original Proposal within the extended time of submission as per the relevant clause in this RFP.
- 3 The Client may extend the deadline for the submission of the Proposal by issuing an amendment. In this case, all rights and obligations of the Client and the Applicants

previously subject to the original deadline shall then be subject to the new deadline for the submission of the Proposal.

2.9.3 Clarification of the RfQ-cum-RfP

An Applicant requiring any clarification regarding the RfQ-cum-RfP may seek clarification through the GeM Portal. Applicants may seek clarification on this RfQ-cum-RfP document, within a period of 3 (three) days of the date of issue of this RfQ-cum-RfP document. The query and clarification shall be shared with all Applicants on the GeM Portal without disclosing its source. If a modification of the RfQ-cum-RfP is warranted due to such clarification, an addendum/ corrigendum shall be issued as per Clause 2.9.2 above. Any clarification issued by the Client to the Applicants shall form part of the Selection Process and shall be binding on all the Applicants.

2.10 Pre-Bid Meeting

2.10.1 Prospective Applicants interested in participating in this RfQ-cum-RfP may attend the Pre-Bid Meeting to clarify the techno-commercial conditions of the RfQ-cum-RfP, at the venue, date and time specified in Section 3 (*Data Sheet*).

2.10.2 Participation is not mandatory: However, if an Applicant chooses not to (or fails to) participate in the Pre-Bid Meeting or does not submit a written query, it shall be assumed that they have no issues regarding the techno-commercial conditions.

2.10.3 The date and time by which the written queries for the Pre-Proposal must reach the Client and the last date for registration for participation in the Pre-Bid Meeting shall be as per Section 3 (*Data Sheet*).

Delegates of the Applicants participating in the Pre-Bid Meeting must provide a photo identity and an authorization letter as per **Form 4J ‘Authorization to attend pre-Proposal Conference’** from their Company/principals; else, they shall not be allowed to participate. The Pre-Bid Meeting may also be held online at the discretion of the Client.

2.10.4 After the Pre-Bid Meeting, the replies to the queries of the prospective bidders along with the corrigendum (if any) shall be published on the Official Website(s) within 7 (seven) days from the Pre-Bid meeting. To give reasonable time to the prospective Applicants to consider such clarifications in preparing their Proposals, the Client may suitably extend, as necessary, the deadline for the Proposal submission.

2.11 Payment Terms

The Successful Applicant shall be eligible to receive the payments as per the Terms and Conditions as specified in **Section 7 (Standard Form of Contracts)**.

3. **Bid Security**

3.1 A bid security in the form of a Bank Guarantee (from/confirmed by the bank in the format specified in **Form 4E (I)**) or Account Payee Demand Draft, from a Scheduled Indian Bank in favour of “ **National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Limited**”, payable at

New Delhi, for the sum of ₹ 50,000/- only (Rupees Fifty thousand only) shall be required to be submitted by each Applicant (“**Bid Security**”). The Bid Security shall be valid for a period of 45 days beyond the bid validity period, reckoned from the Bid published Date. For the purpose of clarity, Scheduled Indian Bank shall mean State Bank of India and its Associates, Nationalised Banks, Other Public Sector Banks and Private Sector Banks as prescribed in the Second Schedule to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.

Provided that the following categories of Applicants, on submission of Bid Security Declaration in the format specified in **Form 4E (II)**, shall be exempted from furnishing Bid Security:

- a. **Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs)** holding a valid Udyam Registration and specifically confirming this status at the time of Proposal submission may claim an exemption from submitting Bid Security. Such MSEs must have their credentials validated online through the Udyam Registration website of the Ministry of MSME, supported by documents uploaded during the Selection Process and verified by the Purchaser.
- b. **Start-ups recognized by DPIIT**, holding a valid Startup Recognition Certificate, may claim an exemption from submitting Bid Security. The Applicant must upload this certificate during the Selection Process for validation by the Purchaser. The Applicant must also ensure that turnover for any financial year has not exceeded the limits prescribed in the certificate or under the DPIIT Start-up scheme.
- c. Applicants who have had their credentials verified through Vendor Assessment by agencies designated by the GeM Portal for the specific services under the RfQ-cum-RfP are eligible, provided they hold a valid Vendor Assessment Report or Vendor Assessment Exemption confirmation. The Applicant must upload the Vendor Assessment Report or Exemption confirmation for validation by the Purchaser.
- d. Central / State Public Sector Undertakings.

The details for online transfer of bid security are as under:

Account Name: National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Ltd

Bank Name: Central Bank of India

Account Number: 3382758503

IFSC Code: CBIN0280298

Branch Name: Hotel Ashok, Chanakyapuri

- 3.2 The Client shall not be liable to pay any interest on Bid Security.
- 3.3 The Client will be entitled to forfeit and appropriate the Bid Security as mutually agreed loss and damage payable to Client in regard to the RfQ-cum-RfP without prejudice to Client’s any other right or remedy under the following conditions:

- 1 If an Applicant engages in a Prohibited Practices as envisaged under this RfQ-cum-RfP (*including the Standard Form of Contract*); or
- 2 If any Applicant withdraws or amends his Proposal or impairs or derogates from its Proposal in any respect during the period of the Proposal's validity as specified in this RfQ-cum-RfP (*Refer to Clause 2.5*) and as may be extended by the Applicant from time to time, or
- 3 If the Applicant attempts to influence the Selection Process; or
- 4 In the case of the Successful Applicant, after having been notified within the Proposal Validity of the acceptance of his Proposal by the Client, if the Successful Applicant:
 - (a) Refuses to or fails to submit the original documents for scrutiny or
 - (b) Fails to sign and return, as acknowledgement, the copy of the Letter of Award within the stipulated time or any extension thereof or
 - (c) fails to sign the contract or
 - (d) fails to provide the Performance Security within the specified time limit, or
 - (e) If the Applicant commits any breach of terms of this RfQ-cum-RfP or is found to have made a false representation to Client or submits false certificates in terms of any documents in support of the Applicant's Proposal.

Provided that the Client shall have the right to enforce the Bid Security Declaration, for the Applicants who have submitted such Bid Security Declaration in lieu of the Bid Security, for all grounds for which the Client has the right to forfeit and appropriate the Bid Security.

- 3.4 Unsuccessful Applicants' Bid Security shall be returned to them without any interest not later than 15 (fifteen) days from the date of their elimination from the from the relevant Stage of the Selection Process.

Provided that in the event the unsuccessful Applicant had submitted Bid Security Declaration, as provided for in terms of this RfQ-cum-RfP, such Bid Security Declaration shall expire from the date of their elimination from the from the relevant Stage of the Selection Process.

- 3.5 Successful Applicant's Bid Security shall be returned without any interest not later than 15 (fifteen) days after receipt of Performance Security from them.

Provided that in the event the Successful Applicant had submitted Bid Security Declaration, as provided for in terms of this RfQ-cum-RfP, such Bid Security Declaration shall expire from the date of receipt of Performance Security from them.

4. Eligibility of Applicants

- 4.1 The Applicant for participation in the Selection Process, should be a single entity.
- 4.2 An Applicant may either be a sole proprietorship firm/a partnership firm/a limited liability partnership/ a company incorporated under the Companies Act 1956 (or the Companies Act, 2013) or a body corporate incorporated under the applicable laws of its origin.
- 4.3 An Applicant shall not have a Conflict of Interest, as provided under Clause 2.3.4 above, that may affect the fair competition in the Selection Process or the Consultancy. The Applicant shall be required to declare the absence of such Conflict of Interest in formats – **Form 4A (Pre-Qualification Proposal Submission Form)** and **Form 4F (Technical Proposal Submission Form)**.
- 4.4 Any Applicant found to have a Conflict of Interest shall be disqualified. In the event of disqualification, the Client will forfeit and appropriate the Bid Security (or enforce the Bid Security Declaration) as mutually agreed genuine pre-estimated compensation and damages payable to the Client for, inter alia, the time, cost and effort of the Client including consideration of such Applicant's Proposal, without prejudice to any other right or remedy that may be available to the Client hereunder or otherwise.

Provided that where the Applicant has submitted a Bid Security Declaration in lieu of the Bid Security, the Client shall have the right to enforce the Bid Security Declaration wherein any Applicant is found to have a Conflict of Interest.

- 4.5 Any entity which has been barred by the Central Government, any State Government, a statutory authority or a public sector undertaking, as the case may be, from participating in any tender, and the bar subsists as on the date of the PDD, would not be eligible to submit a Proposal.
- 4.6 An Applicant or its Associate should have, during the last 3 (three) years, neither failed to perform on any agreement, as evidenced by imposition of a penalty by an arbitral or judicial authority or a judicial pronouncement or arbitration award against the Applicant or its Associate, nor been expelled from any project or agreement nor have had any agreement terminated for breach by such Applicant or its Associate.

The term 'Associate' in the above Clause shall have the meaning ascribed to it under this RFP.

- 4.7 The Applicant shall submit its Proposal solely in its individual capacity. Submission of Proposals through a consortium, joint venture, or association of entities shall not be permitted.
- 4.8 Sub-contracting

The Applicant shall not subcontract any of the Services to sub-consultants. However, the Applicant may engage a legal expert on an advisory and/or outsourced basis specifically dedicated for the project and the CV of such legal expert shall be submitted for evaluation purpose. Such engagement shall not relieve the Applicant of any of its obligations or responsibilities under this RFP

5. Preparation of Proposal

5.1 Language of the Proposal

Applicants are requested to submit their Proposal in English Language and strictly in the formats provided in this RfQ-cum-RfP. The Client will evaluate only those Proposals that are received in the specified forms and complete in all respects. Any supporting documents submitted by the Applicant with its Proposal or subsequently, in response to any query/ clarification from the Client shall be in English and in case any of these documents is in another language, then it must be accompanied by a certified translation of all the relevant passages in English, in which case, for all purposes of interpretation of the proposal, the translation in English shall prevail.

5.2 Acquaintance with the Local Conditions and Factors

The Applicants acknowledges that before the submission of their Proposal, the Applicant has, after a complete and careful examination, made an independent evaluation of the local conditions, infrastructure, logistics, communications, legal, environmental, and any other conditions or factors which would have any effect on the performance of the Contract. Applicants shall be responsible for compliance with the Applicable Law in force from time to time at relevant places. On such matters, the Client shall have no responsibility and not entertain any request from the Applicants.

5.3 Cost of preparation and submission of Proposals

The Applicants(s) shall bear all direct or consequential costs, losses and expenditures associated with or relating to the preparation, submission, and subsequent processing of their Proposals, including but not limited to preparation, copying, postage, delivery fees, expenses associated with any submission of samples, demonstrations, or presentations which the Client may require, or any other costs incurred in connection with or relating to their Proposals. All such costs, losses and expenses shall remain with the Applicant(s), and the Client shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever for the same or any other costs, losses and expenses incurred by Applicant (s) for participation in the Selection Process, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the Selection Process.

5.4 Interpretation of Provisions of the RfQ-cum-RfP

The RfQ-cum-RfP provisions must be interpreted in the context in which these appear. Any interpretation of these provisions far removed from such context, contrived, or between-the-lines interpretation is unacceptable.

5.5 Alternate Proposals are not Allowed

5.5.1 Conditional offers, alternative offers, and multiple Proposals by an Applicant shall not be considered. The Portal shall permit only one Proposal to be uploaded.

5.5.2 In cases where a holding company has more than one independent unit with common business ownership or management, only one unit is permitted to submit a Proposal. Similar restrictions apply to closely related sister companies. Any participation by an Applicant's sister, associated, or allied concern(s) in the RfQ-cum-RfP process will result in the disqualification of the Applicant.

- 5.5.3 For purposes of this clause, “sister, associated, or allied concern” refers to any company, society, partnership, or proprietorship firm with one or more common directors, partners, members, or owners.
- 5.5.4 If an Applicant submits more than 1 (one) Proposal, all Proposals submitted under the RfQ-cum-RfP will be disqualified.
- 5.5.5 In this context, “person” includes any proprietorship firm, partnership firm, limited liability partnership, private limited or limited company, society registered under the Societies Act, statutory bodies, or any other legal entity, as applicable. Multiple Proposals for the RfQ-cum-RfP will be deemed submitted if any person bids in any two or more of the following formats:
1. individual or proprietorship format and/or
 2. partnership or association of persons format and/or
 3. a company format

Whereby,

- a. “Company” includes any artificial person constituted under Indian law or the laws of any other country.
 - b. A person is deemed to have bid in a partnership or association of persons format if they are a partner of the firm or a member of an association of persons that has submitted a Proposal.
 - c. A person is deemed to have bid in a company format if they:
 - i. More than 10% (ten percent) of the voting share capital of the company which has submitted a Proposal, or
 - ii. Is a director and / or key managerial personnel of the company which has submitted a Proposal, or
 - iii. Holds more than 10% (ten percent) of voting share capital in and/or is a director and / or key managerial personnel of a holding company of that company which has submitted the Proposal.
- 5.5.6 By submitting a Proposal pursuant to the RfQ-cum-RfP, the Applicant declares that they have not submitted any other Proposal or multiple Proposals, as defined in this clause.
- 5.5.7 All the Proposal of an Applicant who has submitted multiple Proposal, as per the clause, shall be rejected and Bid Security for all such Proposal shall be forfeited, not by way of penalty or liquidated damages but by way of reimbursement of the pre-estimated costs likely to be incurred by the Client towards Selection Process and in the scrutiny & evaluation of Proposals. In addition to the above, Applicants found to be in contravention to the said clause will be liable for administrative actions.

Provided, however, that if such an Applicant has submitted a Bid Security Declaration, the Client shall have the right to enforce this Bid Security Declaration.

5.6 Proposal

5.6.1 While preparing their Proposal, the Applicants are expected to thoroughly examine the RfQ-cum-RfP. Material deficiencies in providing the information requested may result in rejection of a Proposal.

5.6.2 The Proposals must be properly signed by the authorised representative of the Applicant (“**Authorised Representative**”) as detailed below:

- 1 by the partner holding the Power of Attorney in case of a partnership firm/limited liability partnership (A certified copy of the Power of Attorney shall accompany the Proposal)
- 2 by the proprietor in case of a proprietorship firm;
- 3 by a duly authorized person holding the Power of Attorney or by a Board Resolution in case of a company or a corporation (A certified copy of the Power of Attorney/Board Resolution shall accompany the proposal).

5.6.3 Applicants should note the PDD, as specified in Section 3 (*Data Sheet*), for submission of Proposals. Except as specifically provided in this RfQ-cum-RfP, no supplementary material will be entertained by the Client, and that evaluation will be carried out only on the basis of documents received by the closing time of PDD as specified in Section 3 (*Data Sheet*). Applicants will ordinarily not be asked to provide additional material information or documents subsequent to the date of submission, and unsolicited material if submitted will be summarily rejected. For the avoidance of doubt, the Client reserves the right to seek clarifications in case the proposal is non-responsive on any aspects.

5.6.4 Relationship between Applicant and GeM Portal

The Client is neither a party nor a principal in the relationship between the Applicant and the organization hosting the GeM Portal. Applicants must comply with the rules, regulations, procedures, and implied conditions/ agreements of the GeM Portal, including registration, compatible Digital Signature Certificate (“**DSC**”) etc. Applicants shall settle clarifications and disputes, if any, regarding the GeM Portal directly with them. In case of conflict between provisions of the GeM Portal with the RfQ-cum-RfP, provisions of the GeM Portal shall prevail except mentioned otherwise in this document. Applicants may study the resources provided by the Portal for Applicants.

5.6.5 Signing of Proposal

The Authorized Representative signing/ digitally signing the Proposal or any other connected documents should submit an authenticated copy of the document(s), which authorizes the Authorized Representative to commit and submit Proposals on behalf of the Applicants along with the **Form 4A (*Pre-Qualification Proposal Submission Form*)**.

5.6.6 Submission/ Uploading to the GeM Portal

- 1 Proposals must be uploaded on the GeM Portal until the deadline for the Proposal submission as notified therein. The same documents are also required to be submitted in hard copies on or before the bid submission end date at NICDC office located at 17th Floor, Hindustan Times House, 18–20, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi – 110001. Proposals submitted through modalities other than those stipulated in RfQ-cum-RfP shall be liable to be rejected as non-responsive.

The bidder shall submit all documents strictly in accordance with the requirements of the respective sections of the RFP. Documents pertaining to Pre-Qualification (PQ), Technical Eligibility, and Financial Eligibility shall be clearly identified, segregated, and submitted under separate, appropriately titled headings. The bidder shall explicitly indicate whether each document relates to PQ eligibility, Technical Eligibility, or Financial Eligibility. Submission of mixed or improperly classified documents across sections may render such documents liable to be ignored. All submissions shall be duly indexed and clearly marked to indicate the applicable eligibility category (PQ/Technical/Financial).

- 2 In the case of downloaded documents, the Applicant must not make any changes to the contents of the documents while uploading, except for filling in the required information otherwise, the Proposal shall be rejected as non-responsive. Uploaded Pdf documents should not be password protected. Applicants should ensure the clarity/ legibility of the scanned documents uploaded by them.
- 3 The date and time of the GeM server clock shall be the reference time for deciding the closing time of the Proposal submission. Applicants are advised to ensure they submit their Proposal within the deadline of submission, taking the server clock as a reference, failing which the portal shall not accept the Proposal. No request on the account that the server clock was not showing the correct time and that a particular Applicant could not submit their Proposal because of this shall be entertained. Failure or defects on the internet or heavy traffic at the server shall not be accepted as a reason for a complaint. The Client shall not be responsible for any failure, malfunction or breakdown of the electronic system used during the e-Tender process.
- 4 Only one copy of the Proposal can be uploaded, and the Applicant shall digitally sign all statements, documents, and certificates uploaded by him, owning sole and complete responsibility for their correctness/ authenticity as per the IT Act 2000 (as amended from time to time).
- 5 Originals of the Bid Security instrument (Bank Guarantee, DD etc.), all Power of Attorneys should be physically submitted sealed in double cover at the venue & time mentioned in Section 3 (*Data Sheet*) on or before the PDD. If the office is closed on the deadline for such physical submission, the physical submission deadline shall stand extended to the next working day at the same time and venue.
- 6 The Client reserves its right to call for verification, at any stage of evaluation, especially from the successful Applicant(s) before the issue of a Letter of Award (*as defined under*

Clause 10.1.1 below), originals of uploaded scanned copies of documents. If an Applicant fails at that stage to provide such originals or, in case of substantive discrepancies in such documents, it shall be construed as a breach of the Code of Integrity. Such Proposals shall be liable to be rejected as non-responsive and other punitive actions for such a breach.

- 7 All Proposals uploaded by the Applicant to the GeM Portal shall get automatically encrypted. The encrypted Proposal can only be decrypted/ opened by the authorised persons on or after the due date and time. The Applicant should ensure the correctness of the Proposal before uploading and take a printout of the system generated submission summary to confirm the successful Proposal upload.

5.6.7 **Pre-Qualification Proposal**

The Pre-Qualification Proposal should provide the details of eligible projects as per the Standard Forms so as to meet the Minimum Qualification Criteria prescribed in this RfQ-cum-RfP.

5.6.8 **Technical Proposal**

- 1 The Technical Proposal should provide the following information using the attached Standard Forms:
 - (a) Applicant's experience for recent assignments of similar nature, the outline should indicate, *inter alia*, the profiles and names of the staff provided, duration of the assignment, contract amount, and firm's involvement.
 - (b) Detailed Approach and Methodology for undertaking the current Assignment. **(Refer Form 4G)**
 - (c) Against the list of proposed personnel ("**Proposed Personnel**"), details of tasks assigned to each staff as per his/her experience shall influence the evaluation.
 - (d) The curriculum vitae shall as per the prescribed format **(Refer Form 4I)** and shall be maximum of 4 (four) single sided pages (2 sheets double sided) for each Personnel. In addition, a 1 (one) page executive summary shall be provided. In the event any averment made in the curriculum vitae of a Proposed Personnel is incorrect, such person shall be liable to be debarred for any future assignment of Client for a period of 3 (three) years. The award of the Assignment to the Applicant may also be liable to cancellation in such an event.
 - (e) Ongoing consulting assignments can be submitted with detail of progress supported by suitable documents. However, assignments completed at least 80% (eighty percent) or more shall only be considered for evaluation and the marks awarded for such assignments shall only be 80 % (eighty percent) of maximum marks. The Applicant shall provide the proof that the assignment is completed at least 80 % (eighty percent) through proof of payment received till

date duly certified by statutory auditor or through certificate from the respective client.

- 2 Failure to comply with or provide the above listed items in the Technical Proposal may result in disqualification.
- 3 While submitting the Technical Proposal, Applicants must give particular attention to the following:
 - (a) The Applicant is to ensure that the time allocated for the Proposed Personnel does not conflict with the time allocated or proposed for any other assignment. The Client reserves the right to request a workload projection (including time spent on other projects/clients) for the Proposed Personnel.
 - (b) The composition of the proposed Team and the task assignment to individual Proposed Personnel shall be clearly stated.
 - (c) No Proposed Personnel shall be proposed for any position if the curriculum vitae of such Proposed Personnel does not meet the requirements of the Terms of Reference.
 - (d) The Proposed Personnel shall remain available for the period as indicated in the RfQ-cum-RfP.
 - (e) No alternative proposal for any Proposed Personnel shall be made and only one curriculum vitae for each position shall be furnished.
 - (f) Each curriculum vitae is required to have been signed by the Proposed Personnel and countersigned by the Authorised Representative of the Applicant.
 - (g) A curriculum vitae will be summarily rejected if the educational qualification of the Proposed Personnel does not match with the requirement of the RfQ-cum-RfP.
 - (h) The Applicant must furnish the Client certifications/Certificate from the Statutory Auditor for the projects listed under the experience section.
 - (i) The Proposed Personnel should possess good working knowledge of English language.
 - (j) No Proposed Personnel involved should have attained the age of 65 (sixty-five) years at the time of submitting the Proposal. The Client reserves the right to ask for proof of age, qualification and experience of the Proposed Personnel at any stage of the Selection Process/Contract.
 - (k) The technical proposal must not include any financial information.

- 4 Failure to comply with the requirements spell-out above shall lead to deduction of marks during the evaluation of the Proposal. Further, in such a case, Client will be entitled to reject the Proposal.

5.6.9 **Financial Proposal:**

- 1 While preparing the Financial Proposal, Consultants are expected to take into account the various requirements and conditions stipulated in this RFP document. The Financial Proposal should be a lump sum Proposal inclusive of all the costs including but not limited to all taxes associated with the Assignment. While submitting the Financial Proposal, the Consultant shall ensure the following:
 - (a) All the costs associated with the Assignment shall be included in the Financial Proposal. The total amount indicated in the Financial Proposal shall be without any condition attached or subject to any assumption, and shall be final and binding. In case any assumption or condition is indicated in the Financial Proposal, it shall be considered non-responsive and liable to be rejected.
 - (b) The Financial Proposal shall take into account all the expenses and tax liabilities and cost of insurance specified in the draft contract, levies and other impositions applicable under the prevailing law on the Consultants, sub-consultants and their staff. For the avoidance of doubt, it is clarified that all taxes, including GST, shall be deemed to be included in the cost shown under different items of Financial Proposal. Further, all payments shall be subjected to deduction of taxes at source as per Applicable Laws.
- 2 The proposal should be submitted as per the standard Financial Proposal submission forms prescribed in this RFP in the online portal.
- 3 The Consultants may be subjected to applicable taxes (such as GST, social charges or income taxes on non-resident foreign personnel, duties, fees, levies etc.) on amounts payable by the Client under the Contract. Consultants must do their due diligence about the tax implications and Client will not be liable for any incident.

6. **Proposal Opening**

The Proposals shall be opened on or after the date & time of the opening stipulated in Section 3 (*Data Sheet*). Proposals cannot be opened before the specified date & time, even by the Tender Inviting Officer as per Section 3 (*Data Sheet*). If the specified date of Proposal opening falls on is subsequently declared a holiday or closed day for the Client, the Proposals shall be opened at the appointed time on the next working day.

7. **Modification, Resubmission and Withdrawal of Proposals**

7.1 **Modification & Resubmission**

Once submitted in the GeM Portal, the Applicant cannot view or modify their Proposal since it is locked by encryption. However, resubmission of the Proposal by the Applicant for any

number of times superseding earlier Proposal(s) before the submission date and time is allowed. Resubmission of a Proposal shall require uploading all documents, including the Financial Proposal, afresh. The system shall consider only the last Proposal submitted.

7.2 Withdrawal

7.2.1 The Applicant may withdraw their Proposal before the Proposal submission deadline, and it shall be marked as withdrawn and shall not get opened during the Proposal opening.

7.2.2 No Proposal should be withdrawn after the Proposal submission deadline and before the Proposal validity period expires. If an Applicant withdraws the Proposal during this period, the Client shall be within its right to forfeit the Bid Security (or as the case may be – enforce the Bid Security Declaration), in addition to other punitive actions provided in the RfQ-cum-RfP for such misdemeanour as per Clause 3.3 above.

8. Evaluation of Proposals and Award of Contract

8.1 General Norms

8.1.1 Evaluation to be based only on declared criteria

- 1 The evaluation shall be based upon scrutiny and examination of all relevant data and details submitted by the Applicant in their Proposal and other allied information deemed appropriate by the Client. Evaluation of Proposals shall be based only on the criteria/ conditions included in the RfQ-cum-RfP.
- 2 In case of an Applicant which is a subsidiary of a body corporate incorporated under the applicable laws of its origin and using credentials of parent company for Technical and Financial qualifications, a letter of support will be required from the parent company to confirm that his subsidiary has access to resources of the parent company and the subsidiary can utilise the same for performance of services.
- 3 Information relating to the evaluation of proposal and evaluation results shall not be disclosed to any Applicant or any other persons not officially concerned with such process until the notification of shortlisting is made in accordance with Clause 10 below.

8.1.2 Deviations/ Reservations/ Omissions – Substantive or Minor

- 1 During the evaluation of Proposals, the following definitions apply:
 - (a) “Deviation” is a departure from the requirements specified in the RfQ-cum-RfP;
 - (b) “Reservation” is the setting of limiting conditions or withholding from complete acceptance of the requirements specified in the RfQ-cum-RfP; and
 - (c) “Omission” is failing to submit part or all of the information or documentation required in the RfQ-cum-RfP.

- 2 A deviation/ reservation/ omission from the requirements of the RfQ-cum-RfP shall be considered a substantive deviation as per the following norm, and the rest shall be considered a Minor deviation:
 - (a) which affects in any substantive way the scope, quality, or performance standards of the Services;
 - (b) which limits in any substantive way, inconsistent with the RfQ-cum-RfP, the Client's rights, or the Applicant's obligations under the Contract; or
 - (c) Whose rectification would unfairly affect the competitive position of other Applicants presenting substantively responsive Proposals
 - 3 The decision of the Client shall be final in this regard. Proposals with substantive deviations shall be rejected as non-responsive.
 - 4 Variations, deviations, and other offered benefits above the scope of Services stipulated in the RfQ-cum-RfP shall not influence evaluation Proposals. If the Proposal is otherwise successful, such benefits shall be availed by the Client, which would become part of the Contract.
 - 5 The Client reserves the right to accept or reject Proposals with minor deviations. Wherever necessary, the Client shall convey its observation as per Clause 8.1.2 below on such 'minor' issues to the Applicant by registered/ speed post/ electronically etc., asking the Applicant to respond by a specified date. If the Applicant does not reply by the specified date or gives an evasive reply without clarifying the point at issue in clear terms, that Proposal shall be liable to be rejected as non-responsive.
- 8.1.3 Clarification of Proposal and Shortfall of documents
- 1 During the evaluation of Techno commercial or Financial Proposals, the Client may, at its discretion, but without any obligation to do so, ask the Applicant(s) to clarify its Proposal by a specified date.
 - 2 The Applicant should answer the clarification within **3 (three) days** from receiving such a request. The request for clarification shall be submitted in writing or electronically, and no change in prices or substance of the Proposal shall be sought, offered, or permitted that may grant any undue advantage to such Applicant. Any clarification submitted by an Applicant regarding its Proposal that is not in response to a request by the Client shall not be considered.
 - 3 The Client reserves its right to, but without any obligation to do so, seek any shortfall information/ documents only in case of historical documents which pre-existed at the time of the bid submission end date, and which have not undergone change since then and do not grant any undue advantage to any Consultant.
 - 4 If the Applicant fails to provide satisfactory clarification and/or missing information, its Proposal shall be evaluated based on available information and documents.
- 8.1.4 Contacting the Client during evaluation

From Proposal submission to awarding of the contract, no Applicant shall contact the Client on any matter relating to the submitted Proposal. If an Applicant needs to contact the Client for any reason relating to their Proposal, it should do so only in writing or electronically. Any effort by an Applicant to influence the Client during the processing of Proposals, evaluation of Proposal comparison or award decisions shall be construed as a violation of the Code of Integrity, and the Proposal shall be liable to be rejected as non-responsive in addition to other punitive actions for violation of Code of Integrity as per the RfQ-cum-RfP.

8.2 Evaluation of Proposals

8.2.1 Preliminary Examination of Proposals – Determining Responsiveness

- 1 A substantively responsive Proposal is complete and conforms to the essential terms, conditions, and requirements of the RfQ-cum-RfP without substantive deviation, reservation, or omission.
- 2 Proposals with substantive techno-commercial deviations or other essential aspects of the RfQ-cum-RfP shall be rejected as non-responsive. Only substantively responsive Proposals shall be considered for further evaluation.
- 3 The Client reserves its right to consider and allow minor deviations in technical and commercial conditions. The following are some of the crucial aspects for which a Proposal shall be rejected as non-responsive:
 - (a) The Proposal is not in the prescribed format or is not submitted as per the stipulations in the RfQ-cum-RfP.
 - (b) Failure to provide and/ or comply with the required information, instructions etc., incorporated in the RfQ-cum-RfP or evasive information/ reply against any such stipulations.
 - (c) Required Bid Security (or Bid Security Declaration, if permitted) has not been provided.
 - (d) The Services offered are not eligible as per the provision of the RfQ-cum-RfP.
 - (e) The Applicant has quoted conditional Proposals or more than one Proposal or alternative Proposals.
 - (f) The Proposal validity is shorter than the required period.
 - (g) The Proposal departs from the essential requirements stipulated in the RfQ-cum-RfP.
 - (h) Non-submission or submission of illegible scanned copies of stipulated documents/ declarations.
 - (i) Furnishing wrong and/ or misleading data, statement(s) etc. In such a situation, besides rejecting the Proposal as non-responsive, it is liable to attract other punitive actions under relevant provisions of the RfQ-cum-RfP for violating

the Code of Integrity.

8.2.2 Evaluation of Pre-Qualification Proposal

- 1 In addition to the general rules for determination of responsiveness set out under Clause 8.2.1 above, a Proposal will be considered responsive at the RFQ stage only if:
 - (a) The Pre-Qualification Proposal is received in the form specified in this RfQ-cum-RfP;
 - (b) it is received by the PDD including any extension thereof in terms hereof;
 - (c) it is accompanied by Bid Security as specified in this RfQ-cum-RfP;
 - (d) it is accompanied by the Power of Attorney for the Authorized Representative;
 - (e) it does not contain any condition or qualification; and
 - (f) it is not non-responsive in terms hereof.
- 2 As part of the evaluation, the Pre-Qualification Proposal submission shall be checked to evaluate whether the Applicant meets the prescribed Minimum Qualification Criteria as provided under Annexure-I.
- 3 In case an Applicant does not fulfil the Minimum Qualification Criteria, the Technical Proposal of such an Applicant will not be opened and evaluated further.

8.2.3 Evaluation of Technical and Financial Proposal

- 1 For Applicants who meet the Minimum Qualification Criteria (“Shortlisted Applicant(s)”), the RfQ-cum-RfP Technical and Financial Proposal shall be checked for responsiveness in accordance with the requirements of the RfQ-cum-RfP and only those Technical and Financial Proposals which are found to be responsive would be further evaluated in accordance with the criteria set out in this RfQ-cum-RfP.
- 2 In addition to the general rules for determination of responsiveness set out under Clause 8.2.1 above, a Proposal will be considered responsive at the RFP stage only if:

I. Technical Proposal

- (a) the Technical Proposal is received in the form specified in this RfQ-cum-RfP;
- (b) it is accompanied by the Bid Security as specified in this RfQ-cum-RfP;
- (c) it is received by the PDD including any extension thereof in terms hereof;
- (d) it does not contain any condition or qualification; and
- (e) it is not non-responsive in terms hereof.

II. Financial Proposal

- (a) The Financial Proposal is received in the form specified in this RfQ-cum-RfP
- (b) it does not contain any condition or qualification; and
- (c) It is not non-responsive in terms hereof.

III. Interview

- (a) The Client reserves the right to call for interviews of the shortlisted Applicants.
 - (b) The Applicant(PQ Qualified bidders) may be required to do a presentation to explain the intended approach and methodology to be adopted for the performance of the Assignment.
 - (c) The Key Personnel shall be required to be in person for the interview
- 3 The Client reserves the right to reject any Proposal which is non-responsive and no request for alteration, modification, substitution or withdrawal will be entertained by the Client in respect of such Proposals. However, Client reserves the right to seek clarifications or additional information from the applicant during the evaluation process. The Client will subsequently examine and evaluate Proposals in accordance with the Selection Process detailed-out below.

8.2.4 Evaluation of Technical Proposals/ Score

- 1 The Client shall evaluate the Technical proposal and assign scores as per the scheme of criteria and sub-criteria as laid down in Annexure-II.
- 2 If it is established that any Personnel nominated in the Applicant's Proposal were included in the Proposal without their confirmation, such Proposal shall be disqualified and rejected for further evaluation and shall be treated as a violation of the Code of Integrity and would be liable for penalties thereunder.
- 3 All Personnel (including the Team Lead) must meet the minimum requirements specified in Annexure II. The evaluation of the score shall be as per Serial No. 10 of Annexure III. If any Personnel or Team Lead of the Successful Applicant scores less than the specified individual minimum score, the Client shall be entitled to ask for a better replacement.

8.2.5 Evaluation of Conformity to Commercial and Other Clauses

- 1 Consultants must comply with all the Commercial and other Clauses of the RfQ-cum-RfP.
- 2 The Client shall also evaluate the commercial conditions quoted by the Consultant to confirm that all essential terms and conditions stipulated in the RfQ-cum-RfP have been accepted without substantive omissions/ reservations/exceptions/ deviation by the Consultant. Deviations from or objections or reservations to critical provisions

such as those concerning (but not limited to) Governing laws and Jurisdiction, Consultant's Obligations and Restrictions of its Rights, Performance Bond/ Security, Force Majeure, Taxes & Duties, and Code of Integrity shall be deemed to be a substantive deviation and treated as unresponsive.

8.2.6 Evaluation of Techno-commercially Suitable Consultants and Opening of Financial Proposals

- 1 Each responsive Proposal shall be given a technical score applying the evaluation criteria, sub-criteria, and scoring system specified in **Annexure-IV**. A Proposal shall be rejected if it fails to achieve the minimum technical score indicated therein. Proposals that succeed in the above techno-commercial evaluation shall be considered techno-commercially suitable.
- 2 The list of such techno-commercially suitable Applicants shall be declared on the Official Website(s) announcing a date/time and venue for opening their Financial Proposals.
- 3 The Client shall notify all Applicants whether their Proposal was found responsive/ non-responsive to the RfQ-cum-RfP and Terms of Reference and whether they met the minimum qualifying technical score.

8.2.7 Financial Proposals Evaluation

- 1 Financial Proposals of all Techno-commercially suitable Proposals are to be evaluated based on the selection method identified in Section 3 (Data Sheet) and ranked according to the parameters set-out under Annexure-IV.
- 2 Unless otherwise stipulated, the evaluation of prices shall be on total outgo from the Client's pocket, to be paid to the Consultant or any third party, including all elements of costs as per the terms of the proposed Contract, duly delivered, as the case may be, including any taxes, duties, levies etc.

9. **Discrepancies between Technical and Financial Proposal**

- 9.1 Activities and items described in the Technical Proposal but not priced in the Financial Proposal shall be assumed to be included in the prices of other activities or items, and no corrections are made to the Financial Proposal.
- 9.2 In case of discrepancy between the Technical and Financial Proposals in indicating quantities of input, any higher quantities in Technical Proposal shall prevail, and the quoted total prices shall be assumed to apply to this higher quantum. The unit rate for such activity shall be accordingly adjusted. No such correction shall be done if quantities are lower in the Technical proposal.
- 9.3 Discounts and Rebates: If any Applicant offers conditional discounts/ rebates in their Proposal or suo-motu discounts and rebates after the Proposal Opening (techno-commercial or financial), such rebates/ discounts shall not be considered for ranking the Proposal. But if such an Applicant gets selected as per the selection method, without discounts/ rebates, such discounts/ rebates shall be availed and incorporated in the Contracts;

- 9.4 Ambiguous Financial Proposal: If the Financial Proposal is ambiguous and leads to two equally valid total price amounts, it shall be rejected as non-responsive.

10. Award of Contract

10.1 Letter of Award (Acceptance - LOA) and Signing of the Contract

10.1.1 Letter of Award

- 1 The Applicant whose Proposal has been accepted shall be notified of the award by the Client before the expiration of the Proposal validity period by written or electronic means. This notification (hereinafter and in the Conditions of Contract called the “**Letter of Award – LoA**”) shall state the sum as mentioned in the SCC (hereinafter and in the contract called the “**Contract Price**”) that Client shall pay the Consultant in consideration of delivery of Services. The Letter of Award shall constitute the legal formation of the Contract, subject only to the furnishing of Performance Security as per the provisions of the sub-Clause below.
- 2 The Successful Applicant shall, within 3 (three) days of the receipt of the LoA, sign and return the LoA in acknowledgement thereof. In the event the LoA duly signed by the Successful Applicant is not received by the stipulated date, the Client may, unless it consents to extension of time for submission thereof, appropriate the Bid Security of such Applicant (or as the case may be – enforce the Bid Security Declaration) as mutually agreed genuine pre-estimated loss and damage suffered by the Client on account of failure of the Successful Applicant to acknowledge the LoA, and the next highest ranking Applicant may be considered.

10.1.2 Performance Security

- 1 Within 5 (five) days of the award of the Contract on the GeM Portal, the Consultant shall submit to the Client Performance Security equivalent to 5 (five) percent of the total cost of Financial Proposal from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank, before signing of the Contract, in form of a Bank Guarantee substantially in the format set out under this RfQ-cum-RfP.
- 2 If the Successful Applicant, having been called upon by the Client to furnish Performance Security, fails to do so within the specified period, it shall be lawful for the Client at its discretion to annul the award and forfeit Bid Security (or as the case may be – enforce the Bid Security Declaration), besides taking any other administrative punitive action like ‘Removal from List of Registered Suppliers’ etc.

Provided that the Applicant has submitted a Bid Security Declaration in lieu of the Bid Security, the Client has a right to enforce the Bid Security Declaration upon failure to furnish Performance Security.
- 3 The details for online transfer of performance security are as under:

Account Name: National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Ltd

Bank Name: Central Bank of India

Account Number: 3382758503

IFSC Code: CBIN0280298

Branch Name: Hotel Ashok, Chanakyapuri

10.1.3 Execution of contract

- 1 Publication of Results: The Client shall send to each techno-commercially suitable Consultant the notification of intention to award the Contract to the Successful Applicant. The notification of intention to award shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:
 - (a) the name and address of the Consultant with whom the Client successfully negotiated a Contract;
 - (b) the Contract Price of the successful Proposal;
 - (c) the final combined scores and the final ranking of the Applicants;
 - (d) The name and address of the Successful Applicant receiving the Contract shall be published on the Official Website(s).
- 2 After the award notification, the Client shall share a copy of the Contract Agreement (as per **Format 1**: Form of Contract to the Successful Applicant for review. The Applicant may point out to the Client, in writing/ electronically, any anomalies noticed in the contract within 3 (three) days of receipt. The Contract shall be executed within 7 (seven) days after the date of issue of the Letter of Award and after submission and verification of the Performance Security.
- 3 The Successful Applicant shall not be entitled to seek any deviation in the Contract.

10.1.4 Commencement of Assignment:

The Successful Applicant/ Consultant is expected to commence the Assignment on the date of Commencement of Services as prescribed in the General Conditions of Contract. If the Successful Applicant fails to either sign the Agreement or commence the assignment as specified herein, the Client may invite the second-ranked Applicant for contract signing. In such an event, the Bid Security/ Performance Security, as the case may be, of the first ranked Applicant shall be liable to be forfeited by the Client.

11. Grievance Redressal/Complaint Procedure

- 11.1 The Applicant(s) has the right to submit a complaint or seek de-briefing regarding the rejection of their Proposal, in writing or electronically, within 10 (ten) days of the declaration of techno-commercial or financial evaluation results. The complaint shall be addressed to NICDC.
- 11.2 Within 5 (five) working days of receipt of the complaint, NICDC shall acknowledge the receipt in writing to the complainant, indicating that it has been received, and the response shall be sent

in due course after a detailed examination.

- 11.3 NICDC shall convey the final decision to the complainant within 15 (fifteen) days of receiving the complaint. No response shall be given regarding the confidential process of evaluating Proposals and awarding the Contract before the award is notified, although the complaint shall be kept in view during such a process. However, no response shall be given regarding the following topics explicitly excluded from such complaint process:
- 1 Only an Applicant who has participated in the procurement process, i.e., pre-qualification, Applicant registration or bidding, as the case may be, can make such representation.
 - 2 Only a directly affected Applicant can represent in this regard.
 - 3 If a Technical Proposal has been evaluated before the opening of the Financial Proposal, an application for review concerning the Financial Proposal may be filed only by an Applicant whose technical Proposal is found to be acceptable.
- 11.4 No third-party information (Proposals, evaluation results) can be sought or included in the response.
- 11.5 The following decisions of the Client shall not be subject to review:
- 1 Determination of the need for procurement;
 - 2 Complaints against Terms of Reference except under the premise that they are either vague or too specific to limit competition;
 - 3 Selection of the mode of procurement or bidding system;
 - 4 Choice of the selection procedure;
 - 5 Provisions limiting the participation of Applicants in the Selection Process, in terms of policies of the Government;
 - 6 Provisions regarding purchase preferences to specific categories of Applicants in terms of policies of the Central Government;
 - 7 Cancellation of the Procurement Process except where it is intended to subsequently re-tender the same Services.

12. Code of Integrity in Public Procurement, Misdemeanours and Penalties

The Client and the Applicant(s) are required to observe the highest standard of integrity and not indulge in prohibited practices or other misdemeanors, either directly or indirectly, at any stage during the Selection Process or the execution of resultant contracts.

13. Confidentiality

Information relating to evaluation of proposals and recommendations concerning awards of contract shall not be disclosed to the consultants who submitted the proposals or to other persons not officially concerned with the process, until the winning firm has been notified that it has been awarded the contract.

14. Miscellaneous

- 14.1 The Selection Process shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of India and the Courts at New Delhi shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all disputes arising under, pursuant to and/or in connection with the Selection Process.
- 14.2 The Client, in its sole discretion and without incurring any obligation or liability, reserves the right, at any time, to:
- 1 suspend and/or cancel the Selection Process and/or amend and/or supplement the Selection Process or modify the dates or other terms and conditions relating thereto;
 - 2 consult with any Applicant in order to receive clarification or further information;
 - 3 retain any information and/or evidence submitted to the Client by, on behalf of and/or in relation to any Applicant; and/or
 - 4 independently verify, disqualify, reject and/or accept any and all submissions or other information and/or evidence submitted by or on behalf of any Applicant.
- 14.3 It shall be deemed that by submitting the Proposal, the Applicant agrees and releases the Client, its employees, agents and advisers, irrevocably, unconditionally, fully and finally from any and all liability for claims, losses, damages, costs, expenses or liabilities in any way related to or arising from the exercise of any rights and/or performance of any obligations hereunder, pursuant hereto and/or in connection herewith and waives any and all rights and/ or claims it may have in this respect, whether actual or contingent, whether present or future.
- 14.4 All documents and other information provided by Client or submitted by an Applicant to Client shall remain or become the property of Client. Applicants and the Consultant, as the case may be, are to treat all information as strictly confidential. Client will not return any Proposal or any information related thereto. All information collected, analysed, processed or in whatever manner provided by the Consultant to Client in relation to the consultancy shall be the property of Client.
- 14.5 The Client reserves the right to make inquiries with any of the clients listed by the Applicants in their previous experience record.

15. Tentative schedule for Selection Process

The Client will endeavor to follow the following schedule:

S. No.	Description of the event	Date
1.	Date of the issuance of the RfQ-cum-RfP.	D+0__

		15 January 2026
2.	Last date of receiving queries/requests for clarification.	D+7_ 22 January 2026
3.	Pre-bid Meeting.	D+8_ 23 January 2026
4.	Uploading of responses to pre-bid queries.	D+18_ 02 February 2026
5.	Last Date for submission of the Proposal.	D+35_ 19 February 2026

Section 3: Data Sheet

DATA SHEET

Reference	Description
Clause 2.2.1	The name of Client is: “ National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Limited (NICDC) ”
Clause 2.2.1	The method of selection is Combined Quality cum Cost Based Selection . The weights given to technical and Financial Proposals are: Technical score = 0.8 Financial score = 0.2
Clause 2.2.2	Objective and description of the assignment: The objective of this RFQ-cum-RFP is to engage a qualified and experienced Consultant to provide comprehensive technical assistance for structuring PPP options and preparing bid and contractual documentation required for the transparent selection of a Master Developer under NICDP. The Consultant shall undertake benchmarking and analysis of alternative PPP models, recommend the most suitable structuring framework for NICDP projects, and subsequently prepare and finalize the RFQ-cum-RFP, Concession Agreement and/or Joint Venture Agreement, and related documents in alignment with applicable guidelines, model documents, and NICDC’s requirements, thereby enabling the timely and effective implementation of infrastructure projects under the programme. The detailed Terms of Reference shall be as described in Section 6 (Terms of Reference) of this RfQ-cum-RfP.
Clause 2.10.1 and 2.10.2	Date, time and address of venue of Pre-bid meeting – Date & Time: _____ Venue: National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation 17th Floor, Hindustan Times House, 18-20, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi-110001
Clause 2.10.3	Date, time and address for submission of Pre-bid queries and last date for registration for participation in the Pre-Bid Meeting - Date & Time: _____ Address: National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation 17th Floor, Hindustan Times House, 18-20, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi-110001 Email: contactus@nicdc.in and tanmaya.garnaik@nicdc.in
Clause 5.6.3	Bid Validity- 180 days
Clause 5.6.6(5)	Venue for receiving the Bid Security, Power of Attorney’s and Joint Bidding Agreement- National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation

	17th Floor, Hindustan Times House, 18-20, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi-110001
Clause 6	Date & time of the opening for opening of the Proposals – _____
Clause 6	The Tender Inviting Officer in Clause 6 shall mean to refer to the CEO & MD, NICDC
Clause 11	NICDC as mentioned in Clause 11 shall mean to refer to the CEO & MD of NICDC
-	The preferential procurement policies of Government of India, being – Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) Order, 2012 (as amended from time-to-time); and Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India, Order 2017) (as amended from time-to-time), shall be applicable to the extent possible.

Annexure – I: Parameters for Evaluation of Pre-Qualification

(Minimum Qualification Criteria)

Firm's Eligibility		
S.No.	Minimum Qualification Criteria / Documents	Description
1.	Registration/ Incorporation i. Copy of Certificate of Incorporation / Commencement of Business / Memorandum and Articles of Association Certificate issued by the Statutory Authorities. ii. Letter from the authorized representative on applicant's letter head mentioning that the firm has been operating for last ten years in India, with list of their offices in India.	i. The Applicant shall be a Company registered under the Companies Act or Partnership firm registered under the Partnership Act of 1932 or registered (converted to) under the Indian Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008 or a company registered in the jurisdiction of its incorporation under the relevant laws or any foreign company in consortium with an Indian company, as per applicable FDI norms. ii. The bidder should be in Consulting business for the last 10 years in India and actively engaged in providing consultancy services in Infrastructure sector, with specific focus on economic/industrial corridor planning projects.
2.	Blacklisting / No conviction A self-certified and duly notarized undertaking on Rs. 100 Non-Judicial Stamp Paper.	Applicants should not have been barred or blacklisted by the Central Government, any State Government, a statutory authority or a public sector undertaking, as the case may be, from participating in any project or bid during the last 5 (Five) years, and the bar subsists as on the date of the Proposal Due Date. An Applicant should have, during the last 3 (three) years, neither failed to perform on any agreement, as evidenced by imposition of a penalty by an arbitral or judicial authority or a judicial pronouncement or arbitration award against the Applicant, nor been expelled from any project or agreement nor have had any agreement terminated for breach by such Applicant. Applicants must disclose any blacklisting and nature thereof and must provide blacklisting-revocation letter (if applicable). NICDC reserves the right to accept or reject the Applicant's supporting proof.
3.	Financial Eligibility Copies of Turnover Certificate/ Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss statement duly certified by Chartered Accountant	The bidder should have reported an Average Annual Turnover of Rs. 20 Crore or more (For Startup and MSE bidders, the turnover requirement is INR 05 crores- Bidders must submit valid proof/ Certificate for relaxation.) through consultancy assignments in last 3 consecutive financial years i.e., FY 2022-23, 2023-24 & 2024-25.

		The Applicant should have positive net worth as per last audited financial accounts. <i>*The Turnover mentioned above shall supersede the turnover value displayed in Gem bid documents.</i>
4.	Experience Letter of Award /Work Orders along with Completion Certificate / Substantial work completion certificates (more than 80% of assigned task) issued by Clients on its letterhead. Alternatively, a certificate to be submitted by Authorized person of the bidder's company along with a Certificate from Statutory Auditor of the Bidder.	• Experience of having completed or substantially completed up to one (1) consultancy assignments in the infrastructure sector, each with a minimum consultancy fee of INR 10 lakh, for Central/State Government departments or PSUs, involving the preparation and/or finalization of a Concession Agreement. • Experience of having completed up to two (2) consultancy assignments in the infrastructure sector, each with a minimum consultancy fee of INR 10 lakh, for Central/State Government departments or PSUs, where the Concession Agreement has been executed between the Authority and the Concessionaire. <i>* Substantially complete: Receipt of at least 80% of the consultancy contract value as on date of bid submission. In this regard, Bidders shall submit the statutory auditor's certificate certifying the receipt value as on date of bid submission</i>

Notes:

- a. *In all above cases, documentary proof satisfying the qualification criteria shall be submitted along with project completion certificate and calculation for project cost.*

Annexure – II: Key Personnel (Core Team)

1. Bidder shall deploy the following resources during the course of engagement:

Key Experts:					
S. No	Description	Required Nos	Key task	Educational Background	Minimum Professional Experience
1	Team Leader/Technical Expert	1	Lead the overall engagement	PGDM / MBA or equivalent	i. Minimum 10 years of professional experience in infrastructure sector. ii. Minimum 06 years' experience in successfully managing and executing concession agreements for projects in the infrastructure sector. iii. Prior experience of formulating project structure for projects in Infrastructure sector.
2	Legal Expert	1	Formulate the concession agreement	Bachelor's degree in Law	i. Minimum 08 years of experience ii. Should have a minimum experience of 05 years in managing legal matters in PPP projects including review of agreements, clarifications of by-laws, etc. iii. Should have experience of working with Government Agencies

Note:

- a) The Team leader is expected to attend all the meetings and presentations related to the Assignment. Other experts shall attend the meetings/presentations based on expertise required as per the deliverables/ Assignment requirement.
- b) In addition to the above-mentioned key staff, the Consultant may propose adequate number of support staff with appropriate skills and experience. No additional fees shall be admissible for such deployment.
- c) The curriculum vitae of the personnel shall be self-certified as well as counter-signed by the authorized signatory.
- d) Please note that the Team Leader shall be on payroll of the bidder. In this regard, bidder shall submit a HR Certificate confirming that the Team Leader is on bidder's payroll as on date of bid submission.

Annexure – III: Parameters for Evaluation of the Technical Proposal

1. The evaluation committee (“**Evaluation Committee**”) constituted by NICDC will carry out the technical evaluation of Proposals on the basis of the evaluation criteria and points system indicated below.
2. Evaluators of Technical Proposals shall have no access to the Financial Proposals until technical evaluation, is concluded.
3. Each evaluated Proposal will be given a technical score (St) as detailed below. The maximum points/ marks to be given under each of the evaluation criteria are:

A. Firm’s Evaluation			
S. No.	Parameters	Evaluation Criteria	Maximum Marks
1	Financial worth Average annual turnover of INR 20 crores (For Startup and MSE bidders, the turnover requirement is INR 05 crores) based on preceding 3 years from date of bid submission (in case the audited statements for FY 2024-25 are not available then the last available audited statements shall be provided)	INR 20 Crores (For Startup and MSE bidders, the turnover requirement is INR 05 crores)	8
	Additional 0.5 marks subjected to maximum of 2 marks <i>*The Turnover mentioned above shall supersede the turnover value displayed in Gem bid documents.</i>	For additional INR 20 crores of average annual turnover (For Startup and MSE bidders is INR 05 crores)	2
2	Experience of having completed or substantially completed up to two (2) consultancy assignments in the infrastructure sector, each with a minimum consultancy fee of INR 10 lakh, for Central/State Government departments or PSUs, involving the preparation and/or finalization of a Concession Agreement.	05 marks for each project	10
3	Experience of having completed up to four (4) consultancy assignments in the infrastructure sector, each with a minimum consultancy fee of INR 10 lakh, for Central/State Government departments or PSUs, where the Concession Agreement has been executed between the Authority and the Concessionaire.	05 marks for each project	20

4	Presentation on proposed Approach & Methodology and Case study	Understanding of the ToR	10
		Approach & Methodology including detailed work plan	10
		Detailed case study of similar works done previously. Case study should highlight the overall context, solution implemented, challenges faced and key learnings	10
	SUB-TOTAL A		70
B. Key Personnel Evaluation			
S. No.	Key Expert	Evaluation Criteria	
1	Team Leader / Technical Expert	Eligibility, Experience and relevance of the stated experience of the proposed key experts shall be evaluated during technical evaluation as indicated in Clause 8.2.4	20
2	Legal Expert		10
	SUB-TOTAL B		30
	GRAND TOTAL		100

4. The completed project/assignments completed up to 80% (eighty percent) or more shall only be considered for evaluation and marks awarded for such assignments shall only be 80 % (eighty percent) of maximum marks. The Applicant shall provide the proof that the assignment is completed at least 80 % (eighty percent) through proof of payment received till date duly certified by statutory auditor or through certificate from the respective client.
5. Team Leader and other team members may need to visit NICDC as per requirements for e.g., meetings, discussions, guidance for the work assigned and for deliverables as per this RFP.
6. The evaluation committee may ask the Applicants for a presentation to understand their approach and Methodology and pre-experience of undertaking similar assignment.
7. Applicants are requested to provide the “**Client Certificate**” for the above listed projects. Certificate must confirm the key attributes e.g size, type, value, duration, scope of work and client reserves the right to check the credentials of the project from the respective client. The project shall not be considered for evaluation in absence of a valid certificate from client. NICDC reserves the right to verify the credentials / contents of the “Client Certificate”.
8. The scoring on technical evaluation will be done only for those applicants who fulfil the minimum eligibility criteria as indicated in the table.

9. The minimum technical score required to qualify technical evaluation is 70 (seventy) points out of 100 (hundred) points (“**Minimum Technical Score**”). A proposal will be considered unsuitable and will be rejected at this stage if it does not:

- (a) respond to important aspects of RFQ–cum-RFP and the Terms of Reference; or
- (b) if it fails to achieve the Minimum Technical Score.

10. Evaluation Criteria for the Personnels:

Sl no.	Particular	
A	Education	15%
B	Total Professional Experience	20%
C	Experience relevant to TOR/Assignment	20%
D	Experience in infrastructure project	15%
E	Experience in similar nature/ broad sector *(PPP structuring / execution of the Concession Agreement / drafting of the Concession Agreement, including but not limited to legal aspects)	30%

Annexure – IV: Parameters for Evaluation of the Financial Proposal

1. The Financial Proposals will be opened publicly in the presence of Applicants’ representatives who choose to attend. The name of the Applicants, their technical scores and the proposed prices will be read aloud and recorded when the Financial Proposals are opened.
2. Prior to evaluation of the Financial Proposals, the Evaluation Committee will determine whether the Financial Proposals are complete in all respects, unqualified and unconditional, and submitted in accordance with the terms hereof.
3. The cost indicated in the Financial Proposal shall be deemed as final and reflecting the total cost of services and should be stated in ₹ only. Omissions, if any, in costing of any item shall not entitle the Applicant to be compensated and the liability to fulfil its obligations as per the Terms of Reference within the total quoted price shall be that of the Applicant. The evaluation shall include all applicable taxes, duties, fees, levies and other charges. The lowest Financial Proposal (Fm) will be given a financial score (Sf) of 100 (hundred) points. The financial scores (Sf) of the other Financial Proposals will be determined using the following formula:

$$Sf = 100 \times Fm/F;$$

in which Sf is the financial score, Fm is the lowest Financial Proposal, and F is the Financial Proposal (in ₹) under consideration.

4. Proposals will be finally be ranked in accordance with their combined technical (St) and financial (Sf) scores:

$$S = St \times Tw + Sf \times Fw;$$

in which S is the combined score, and Tw and Fw are weights assigned to Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal that will be 0.80:0.20.

Note: In case of any discrepancy, the formula mentioned above will prevail and supersede the formula as mentioned in the GeM portal.

5. Subject to preferential procurement policies of the Government of India, the Applicant achieving the highest combined technical and financial score will be considered to be the successful Applicant and will be invited for contract signing (the — “**Successful Applicant**”).

Section 4: Prequalification and Technical Proposal - Standard Forms

The Technical Proposal shall comprise of an Executive Summary, plus 3 Sections as described below:

Executive Summary: This section shall be limited to 10 single sided pages (5 sheets double sided printing, excluding cover and back page if stand-alone document), minimum 11 font size, A4 paper size, inclusive of graphics

Section 1 - Specific experience of the firm(s) related to this assignment. In addition to requisite information as requested in this RfQ-cum-RfP, indicate the projects where the consortium firms/ individuals/ sub consultants have successfully worked together. The write-up should also include the roles and responsibilities of the consortium members and sub-consultants, how decisions will be made and quality ensured. The write up in this section shall be limited to 20 single sided sheets excluding the requisite Format, with minimum 11 font size, A4 paper size.

Section 2 - Proposed technical approach & methodology, work plan and organization/staffing. The write up in this section shall be limited to 40 single sided pages (20 sheets double sided), minimum 11 font size, A4 paper size.

Section 3 - Qualification, experience and competence of the Key Personnel. The write up in this section should provide information on Key Professional qualifications, adequacy for the project assignment and familiarity with the local region. This section shall be limited to 35 single sided pages (10 sheets double sided), minimum 11 font size, A4 paper size.

Form 4A:	Pre-Qualification Proposal Submission Form
Form 4B	Format for Pre-Qualification Proposal (Eligible Projects) Project Specific Experience
Form 4C	Format for Pre-Qualification Proposal (Average Annual Turnover of Applicant)
Form 4D:	Format for Power of Attorney for Authorised representative
Form 4E (I):	Format of Bank Guarantee for Bid Security
Form 4E (II):	Format of Bid Security Declaration
Form 4F:	Technical Proposal Submission Form
Form 4G:	Description of Approach, Methodology and Work Plan for Performing the Assignment
Form 4H:	Team Composition and Task Assignments
Form 4I:	Curriculum Vitae (CV) for Proposed Professional Staff (with one page of summary of experience)
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Form 4A:
Pre-Qualification Proposal Submission Form

RfQ-cum-RfP dated [*insert date*]

Consultant's Name _____

[Address and Contact Details]

Consultant's Reference No. _____

Date.....

To

CEO & Managing Director,

National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation

17th Floor, Hindustan Times House, 18-20, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi-110001

Ref: Your RfQ-cum-RfP No. RFP No./ xxxx; Tender Title:

Sir/ Madam

1. We, the undersigned, offer to provide consulting services in accordance with your above-referenced RfQ-cum-RfP and our Proposal. We are hereby submitting our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal and a separately uploaded Financial Proposal. Commercial information about our organisation is enclosed in Format 1.

☐ We are submitting our Proposal without any Sub-consultants or Consortium

Or

☐ We are submitting our Proposal with the following firms as Sub-consultants:
{Insert a list with each Sub-consultant's full name and address.}

Or

☐ We are submitting our Proposal as a consortium with {Insert a list with each member's full name and legal address and indicate the lead member}. We have attached a copy of the following document signed by every participating member, which details the (likely) legal structure and the confirmation of joint and severable liability of the members of the said consortium.

☐ our letter of intent to form a consortium

☐ the consortium agreement

2. Our Eligibility and Qualifications to participate

- a) We confirm that we continue to comply with all the eligibility (including the absence of conflict

of interest and debarment) and qualification criteria stipulated in the RfQ-cum-RfP, based on which we were shortlisted for participation in this bidding process. We shall be dutybound to proactively inform you of any change in our compliance with these criteria as soon as it occurs.

b) We confirm that we don't have any Conflict of Interest as stipulated in this RfQ-cum-RfP. We shall be dutybound to proactively inform you of any change in our compliance with Conflict-of-Interest stipulations as soon as it occurs.

3. Our Proposal to deliver Services:

We offer to deliver the subject Services of requisite performance standards and within delivery schedules in conformity with the RfQ-cum-RfP. The relevant details are submitted in 'Form 4K: Description of Approach, Methodology and Work Plan for performing the assignment'; and Form 4L: Team Composition and Task Assignments'.

4. Prices:

We hereby offer to perform the Services at our lowest prices and rates mentioned in the separately uploaded Financial Proposal. It is hereby confirmed that the prices quoted therein by us are:

- (a) Based on the terms of delivery and delivery schedule confirmed by us; and
- (b) Cost break-up of the quoted cost, showing inter-alia costs (including taxes and duties thereon) of all the included incidental Goods/ Works considered necessary to make the proposal self-contained and complete, has been indicated therein, and
- (c) based on the terms and mode of payment as stipulated in the RfQ-cum-RfP. We have understood that if we quote any deviation from the terms and mode of payment, our Proposal is liable to be rejected as nonresponsive, and
- (d) have been arrived at independently, without restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other Applicant or competitor relating to:
 - i) those prices; or
 - ii) the intention to submit an offer; or
 - iii) the methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered.
- (e) Have neither been nor shall be knowingly disclosed by us, directly or indirectly, to any other Applicant or competitor before the Proposal opening unless otherwise required by law.

5. We declare regarding commissions or fees paid or are to be paid to agents, representatives, or commission agents concerning the selection process or execution and performance of this Contract, that:

☐ No such commissions or gratuities or fees have been paid are to be paid by us to any third party
Or

☐ We have paid/ are due to pay the following commissions/ gratuities/ fees:

(Indicate the name and address of the agent, representative, or commission agent, the amount and currency, and the purpose of the commission or fee.)

6. No change in the Key Experts

Except as stated in the RfQ-cum-RfP, we undertake to negotiate a Contract based on the proposed Key Experts. We accept that substituting Key Experts for reasons other than those stated in RFP may lead to the termination of contract negotiations.

7. Affirmation of terms and conditions of the RfQ-cum-RfP:

We have understood the complete terms and conditions of the RfQ-cum-RfP. We accept and comply with these terms and conditions without reservations, although we are not signing and submitting some of the RfQ-cum-RfP's sections. Deviations, if any, are submitted by separately. We also explicitly confirm acceptance of the Arbitration Agreement as given in the RfQ-cum-RfP.

8. Bid Security: We have submitted the Bid Security as

a) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) for the amount of ₹ (Rupees.....) valid uptoin favour of in the form of Insurance Surety Bonds/ Account Payee Demand Draft/ Fixed Deposit Receipt/ Banker's cheque/ Payment online/ Bank Guarantee in Form 4E, with reference number dated, issued as per the RfQ-cum-RfP.

9. Abiding by the Proposal's Validity

We agree to keep our Proposal valid for acceptance for a period upto....., as required in the RfQ-cum-RfP, or for a subsequently extended period, if any, agreed to by us, and are aware of penalties in this regard stipulated in the RfQ-cum-RfP in case we fail to do so.

10. Non-tampering of Downloaded RfQ-cum-RfP and Uploaded Scanned Copies

We confirm that we have not changed/ edited the contents of the downloaded RfQ-cum-RfP. We realise that any change noticed at any stage, including after the contract award, shall be liable to punitive action in this regard stipulated in the RfQ-cum-RfP. We also confirm that scanned copies of documents/ affidavits/undertakings uploaded during the shortlisting process and this RfQ-cum-RfP are valid, true, and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. We shall be responsible if any dispute arises regarding the validity and truthfulness of such documents/ affidavits/undertakings. We undertake to submit for scrutiny, on-demand by the NICDC, originals and self-certified copies of all such certificates, documents, affidavits/undertakings.

11. A Binding Contract:

We further confirm that if our proposal is accepted, all such terms and conditions shall continue

to be acceptable and applicable to the resultant contract, even though some of these documents may not be included in the contract Documents submitted by us. We do hereby undertake that until a formal contract is signed or issued, this Proposal and your written Letter of Award shall constitute a binding contract between us.

12. Performance Guarantee and Signing the contract

We further confirm that if our proposal is accepted, we shall provide you with performance security of the required amount stipulated in the RfQ-cum-RfP for the due performance of the contract. We are fully aware that in the event of our failure to deposit the required security amount and/or execute the agreement, the NICDC has the right to avail of any or all punitive actions stipulated in the RfQ-cum-RfP.

13. Penalties for misinterpretation or misrepresentation:

We hereby confirm that the particulars given above are factually correct and nothing is concealed and undertake to advise any future changes to the above details. We understand that any misinterpretation or misrepresentation would violate the Code of Integrity and attract penalties, as this RfQ-cum-RfP mentions.

14. Consultant's Authorized Signatory:

- a) Full Name: _____
b) Designation: _____
c) Signing as:

- ☐ A sole proprietorship firm. The person signing the Proposal is the sole proprietor/constituted attorney of the sole proprietor,
- ☐ A partnership firm. The person signing the Proposal is duly authorised being a partner to do so under the partnership agreement or the general power of attorney,
- ☐ A company. The person signing the Proposal is the constituted attorney by a resolution passed by the board of directors or in pursuance of the authority conferred by the Memorandum of Association.
- ☐ A Society. The person signing the Proposal is the constituted attorney.

We confirm that we are duly authorized to submit this Proposal and make commitments on behalf of the Consultant. We acknowledge that our digital/digitized signature is valid and legally binding. Supporting documents are submitted herewith.

Documents to be submitted: Registration Certificate/ Memorandum of Association/ Partnership Agreement/ Power of Attorney/ Board Resolution

15. Rights of NICDC to Reject Proposal(s):

We further understand that you are not bound to accept the lowest or any Proposal you may receive against your above-referred RfQ-cum-RfP.

.....
(Signature with date)

.....
(Name and designation)

Duly authorized to sign Proposal for and on behalf of
[name, address, and seal of consultant]

Form 4B:

Format for Pre-Qualification Proposal (Eligible Projects) Project Specific Experience

Ref: Your RfQ-cum-RfP No. RFP No./ xxxx;

Tender Title:

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

- Use projects with copy of proof of experience as required for meeting the minimum qualification criteria prescribed.
- Exhibit only those projects undertaken in the last ____ years preceding the PDD.
- Projects without the proof of experience from respective client will not be considered

Assignment Name and project cost Project Completion date: (Attached proof Page no:.....)	Approx. value of the Contract (in ₹ in Crore)
Country: Location within country:	Duration of assignment (months):
Name of Client:	Total No. of staff-months of the assignment:
Address:	Approx. value of the services provided by the firm under the contract (in ₹ in Crore)
Start Date (Month/Year): Completion Date (Month/Year):	No. of professional staff- months provided by associated Consultants:
Name of Lead Partner: 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: (highlight project capital cost in the narration)	
Description of actual services provided by your staff within the assignment:	

Firm's Name:

Authorized Signature:

Form 4C:

Format for Pre-Qualification Proposal (Average Annual Turnover of Applicant)

Ref: Your RfQ-cum-RfP No. RFP No./ xxxx;

Tender Title:

S. No.	Financial Year	Annual Turnover of Applicant (₹)
3	2022-2023	
4	2023-2024	
5	2024-2025	
Average Annual Turnover		<i>[indicate sum of the above figures divided by 3]</i>
Certificate from the Statutory Auditor This is to certify that [Name of the Firm] [Registered Address] has received the payments shown above against the respective years. Name of Authorized Signatory: Designation: Name of Firm: Signature of the Statutory Auditor Seal of the Firm		

Note:

- In case the Consultant does not have a statutory auditor, it may provide the certificate from a practicing-chartered accountant.*

Form 4D:

Format of Power of Attorney for Authorised Representative

Ref: Your RfQ-cum-RfP No. RFP No./ xxxx;

Tender Title:

Know all men by these presents, We,(name of organization and address of the registered office) do hereby constitute, nominate, appoint and authorise Mr / Ms.....son/daughter/wife and presently residing at who is presently employed with/ retained by us and holding the position of as our true and lawful attorney (hereinafter referred to as the “Authorised Representative”), with power to sub- delegate to any person, to do in our name and on our behalf, all such acts, deeds and things as are necessary or required in connection with or incidental to submission of our Proposal for selection as the Consultant to assist in Preparation of Model Tender Document and Concession Agreement for Master Developer to implement various Infrastructure Projects under NICDC in India including but not limited to signing and submission of all applications, proposals and other documents and writings, participating in pre-bid and other conferences and providing information/ responses to the NICDC, representing us in all matters before the NICDC, signing and execution of all contracts and undertakings consequent to acceptance of our proposal and generally dealing with the NICDC in all matters in connection with or relating to or arising out of our Proposal for the said Project and/or upon award thereof to us till the entering into of the Contract with the NICDC.

AND, we do hereby agree to ratify and confirm all acts, deeds and things lawfully done or caused to be done by our said Authorised Representative pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred by this Power of Attorney and that all acts, deeds and things done by our said Authorised Representative in exercise of the powers hereby conferred shall and shall always be deemed to have been done by us.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF WE, THE ABOVE-NAMED PRINCIPAL HAVE EXECUTED THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY ON THIS DAY OF....., 20**

For ...

(Signature, name, designation and address)

Witnesses:

1.

2.

Accepted

(Signature, name, designation and address of the Attorney)

Notes:

- 1 *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.*
- 2 *Wherever required, the Applicant should submit for verification the extract of the charter documents and other documents such as a resolution/power of attorney in favour of the person executing this Power of Attorney for the delegation of power hereunder on behalf of the Applicant*

Form 4E (I):

Format of Bank Guarantee for Bid Security

Bank Guarantee No.....

Date.....

To
CEO & MD,
National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Limited

[Complete address of the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Limited (“**NICDC**”)]

Ref: Your RfQ-cum-RfP No. RFP No./ xxxx; Tender Title:

Whereas M/s.....with its Registered/ Head Office at..... (name and address of the Consultant, hereinafter called “**the Consultant**”, which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors, administrators, executors and assigns) has undertaken to submit a proposal, in pursuance of Tender no date..... (hereinafter called “**the Tender**”).

And Whereas you (unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, including your successors, administrators, executors, and assigns) have stipulated in the said Tender that the Consultant shall furnish you with a bank guarantee by a Commercial bank for the sum specified therein as Earnest Money Deposit for compliance with its obligations as per the Tender;

And Whereas we with our Head Office at..... (name and address of the Bank, hereinafter referred to as the “**Bank**”, which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors, administrators, executors and assigns) have agreed to give the Consultant such a bank guarantee.

Now, Therefore, we hereby affirm that we are guarantors and responsible to you, on behalf of the Consultant, up to a total of(amount of the guarantee in words and figures), and we undertake to pay you, upon your first written demand declaring the Consultant to be in default under the Tender and without cavil or argument, any sum or sums within the limits of (amount of guarantee) as aforesaid, without your needing to prove or to show grounds or reasons for your demand or the sum specified therein, notwithstanding any difference between you and the Consultant or any dispute pending before any Court, Tribunal, Arbitrator or any other authority.

We hereby waive the necessity of your demanding the said debt from the Consultant before presenting us with the demand.

The Bank undertakes not to revoke this guarantee during its currency without your previous consent and further agrees that the guarantee herein contained shall continue to be enforceable till you discharge this guarantee. This guarantee will not be discharged due to a change in the constitution of the Bank or the Consultant’s.

We further agree that no change or addition to or other modification of the terms of the Tender made by you shall in any way release us from any liability under this guarantee, and we hereby waive notice of any such change, addition, or modification.

This guarantee shall be valid until the day of20.....
Our.....branch at.....*(Name & Address of the
.....*(branch) is liable to pay the guaranteed amount depending on the filing of a claim
and any part thereof under this Bank Guarantee only and only if you serve upon us at our*
branch a written claim or demand and received by us at our* branch on or before
Dt..... otherwise, the bank shall be discharged of all liabilities under this guarantee after that.

(Signature of the authorized officer of the Bank)

.....

.....

Name and designation of the officer

.....

Seal, name & address of the Bank and address of the Branch

*Preferably at the authority's headquarters competent to sanction the expenditure for procurement of goods/services or at the concerned district headquarters or the state headquarters.

Notes:

- 1 *The Bank Guarantee should contain the name, designation and code number of the officer(s) signing the Guarantee.*
- 2 *The address, telephone no. and other details of the Head Office of the Bank as well as of issuing Branch should be mentioned on the covering letter of issuing Branch. I*
- 3 *If the company is registered under any other act of the Native Country of the bidder, the word Companies Act 1956 may be replaced by that Act.*
- 4 *The Bid Proposal, however, should be accompanied by a certified copy of certificate of incorporation under the concerned act.*

Form 4E (II):

Format of Bid Security Declaration.

Consultant's Name _____

[Address and Contact Details]

Consultant's Reference No. _____

Date.....

To CEO & MD,

National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Limited ("NICDC")

Ref: RfQ-cum-RfP No. RFP No./ xxxx;

Tender Title:

Sir/ Madam,

We, the undersigned, solemnly declare that:

We understand that according to this RfQ-cum-RfP's conditions, the Proposal must be supported by a Bid Securing Declaration in lieu of Bid Security.

We unconditionally accept the conditions of this Bid Securing Declaration. We understand we shall stand automatically suspended from being eligible for bidding in any tender in NICDC for 2 (two) years from the date of opening of this Proposal if we breach our obligation(s) under the tender conditions if we:

1. Withdraw/amend/impair/derogate, in any respect, from our Proposal, within the Proposal validity; or
2. Being notified within the Proposal validity of the acceptance of our Proposal by NICDC:
 - (a) Refused or failed to produce the original documents for scrutiny or the required Performance Security within the stipulated time under the RfQ-cum-RfP's conditions
 - (b) Fail or refuse to sign the Contract.

We know that this Bid Security Declaration shall expire

1. If the Contract is not decided - 15 (fifteen) days after the expiration of the Proposal validity, any extension to it.
2. If the Contract is not awarded to us - not later than 15 (fifteen) days from the date of our elimination from the relevant Stage of the Selection Process, or
3. If the Contract is awarded to us - not later than 15 (fifteen) days from the receipt of Performance Security by NICDC.

(Signature with date)

(Name and designation)

Duly authorized to sign Proposal for and on behalf of.....

[name, address, and seal of Consultant]

Dated on day of [insert date of signing]

Place..... [insert place of signing]

DA:.....

Form 4F:

Technical Proposal Submission Form

[Location, Date]

To
CEO & Managing Director,
National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation
17th Floor, Hindustan Times House, 18-20, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi-110001

Ref: RfQ-cum-RfP No. RFP No./ xxxx;
Tender Title:

RfQ-cum-RfP dated [insert date and month] 2026 for Engagement of Consultant for Structuring PPP Options and preparation of Tender Document and Concession Agreement/Joint Venture Agreement for Selection of a Master Developer under NICDP

Dear Sir,

With reference to your RfQ-cum-RfP dated, we, having examined all relevant documents and understood their contents, hereby submit our Technical Proposal for Engagement of Consultant for Structuring PPP Options and preparation of Tender Document and Concession Agreement/Joint Venture Agreement for Selection of a Master Developer under NICDP (“**Consultant**”). The Proposal is unconditional and unqualified.

We are submitting our Proposal as [sole applicant] [with] [insert a list with full name and address of Consultant].

If negotiations are held during the period of validity of the Proposal, we undertake to negotiate in accordance with the RfQ-cum-RfP. Our Proposal is binding upon us, subject only to the modifications resulting from technical discussions in accordance with the RfQ-cum-RfP.

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

1. We acknowledge that National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Limited (“**NICDC**”) will be relying on the information provided in the Proposal and the documents accompanying the Proposal for selection of the Consultant, and we certify that all information provided in the Proposal and in the supporting documents is true and correct, nothing has been omitted which renders such information misleading; and all documents accompanying such Proposal are true copies of their respective originals.
2. This statement is made for the express purpose of appointment as the Consultant for the aforesaid Project.
3. We shall make available to NICDC any additional information it may deem necessary or

require for supplementing or authenticating the Proposal.

4. We acknowledge the right of NICDC to reject our application without assigning any reason or otherwise and hereby waive our right to challenge the same on any account whatsoever.
5. We certify that in the last 3 (three) years, we have neither failed to perform on any contract, as evidenced by imposition of a penalty by an arbitral or judicial authority or a judicial pronouncement or arbitration award against the Applicant, nor been expelled from any project or contract by any public authority nor have had any contract terminated by any public authority for breach on our part.
6. We declare that:
 - a. We have examined and have no reservations to the RfQ-cum-RfP, including any Addendum issued by the NICDC;
 - b. We do not have any conflict of interest in accordance with the terms of the RfQ-cum-RfP;
 - c. We have not directly or indirectly or through an agent engaged or indulged in any corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practice, as defined in the RfQ-cum-RfP, in respect of any tender or request for proposal issued by or any agreement entered into with Client or any other public sector enterprise or any government, Central or State; and
 - d. We hereby certify that we have taken steps to ensure that no person acting for us or on our behalf will engage in any corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practice.
7. We understand that you may cancel the Selection Process at any time and that you are neither bound to accept any Proposal that you may receive nor to select the Consultant, without incurring any liability to the Applicants.
8. We certify that in regard to matters other than security and integrity of the country, we or any of our affiliates have not been convicted by a court of law or indicted or adverse orders passed by a regulatory authority which would cast a doubt on our ability to undertake the Consultancy for the Project or which relates to a grave offence that outrages the moral sense of the community.
9. We further certify that in regard to matters relating to security and integrity of the country, we have not been charge-sheeted by any agency of the Government or convicted by a court of law for any offence committed by us or by any of our affiliates. We further certify that neither we have been barred by the central government, any state government, a statutory body or any public sector undertaking, as the case may be, from participating in any project or bid, and that any such bar, if any, does not subsist as on the date of this

RfQ-cum-RfP.

10. We further certify that no investigation by a regulatory authority is pending either against us or against our affiliates or against our CEO or any of our Directors/Managers/employees.
11. We hereby irrevocably waive any right or remedy which we may have at any stage at law or howsoever otherwise arising to challenge or question any decision taken by NICDC in connection with the selection of Consultant or in connection with the Selection Process itself in respect of the above mentioned Project.
12. We agree and understand that the Proposal is subject to the provisions of the RfQ-cum-RfP. In no case, shall we have any claim or right of whatsoever nature if the consultancy for the Project is not awarded to us or our Proposal is not opened or rejected.
13. In the event of our being selected as the Consultant, we agree to enter into a Contract
14. In accordance with the contract prescribed in the RfQ-cum-RfP. We agree not to seek any changes in the aforesaid form and agree to abide by the same.
15. We have studied RfQ-cum-RfP and all other documents carefully. We understand that except to the extent as expressly set forth in the Contract, we shall have no claim, right or title arising out of any documents or information provided to us by Client or in respect of any matter arising out of or concerning or relating to the Selection Process including the award of consultancy.
16. The Financial Proposal is being submitted in a separate cover. This Technical Proposal read with the Financial Proposal shall be binding on us
17. We agree and undertake to abide by all the terms and conditions of the RfQ-cum-RfP.

We acknowledge that NICDC in the capacity of The Employer invites proposals from prospective Applicants to participate in bidding

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature [In full and initials]:

Name and Title of Signatory:

Name of Firm:

Address:

(Name and seal of the Applicant/Member in Charge)

Form 4G:

Description of Approach, Methodology and Work Plan for Performing the Assignment

RfQ-cum-RfP No. RFP No./ xxxx;

Tender Title:

Consultant's Name_____

[Address and Contact Details]

Consultant's Reference No._____

Date.....

Form 4G: a description of the approach, methodology and work plan for performing the assignment, including a detailed description of the proposed methodology and staffing for training if the Terms of Reference specify training as a specific component of the assignment.

{Suggested structure of your Response:

- a) Technical Approach and Methodology
- b) Work Plan
- c) Organization and Staffing}

A) Technical Approach and Methodology

{Please explain your understanding of the objectives of the assignment as outlined in the “**Terms of Reference**” (TORs), the technical approach, and the methodology you would adopt for implementing the tasks to deliver the expected output(s), and the degree of detail of such output. Please do not repeat/copy the TORs here.}

B) Work Plan.

{Please outline the plan for implementing the main activities/tasks of the assignment, their content and duration, phasing and interrelations, milestones (including interim approvals by the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Limited (“**NICDC**”)), and tentative delivery dates of the reports. The proposed work plan should be consistent with the technical approach and methodology, showing your understanding of the TOR and ability to translate them into a feasible working plan. A list of the final documents (including reports) to be delivered as final output(s) should be included here.}

C) Organization and Staffing.

{Please describe the structure and composition of your team, including the list of the Key Experts, Non-Key Experts, and relevant technical and administrative support staff. The Organization and staffing should be consistent with Form 4H ‘Team Composition and Task Assignments’.

.....

(Signature with date)

.....

(Name and designation)

Duly authorized to sign Proposal for and on behalf of

.....

[name, address, and seal of Consultant]

DA: Relevant documents like technical data, literature, drawings, and other documents

Form 4H:

Team Composition and Task Assignments

RfQ-cum-RfP No. RFP No./ xxxx;

Tender Title:

Consultant's Name _____

[Address and Contact Details]

Consultant's Reference No. _____

Date.....

Note to Consultants: RfQ-cum-RfP indicates key Personnel required to perform the services to the required performance standards and quality. The consultant shall quote the cost of these personnel in the Financial Proposal.

Consultants, who are executing on-going mandates with the Client, must propose a separate team of Personnel while bidding for this project. The Personnel proposed above should be available for presentations/ discussions/ meetings with the Client, State Government, Investors and other stakeholders as/and when required

S. NO.	Position	Name of Staff	Deployment (Onsite/Offsite)	Experience (years)	Key Attributes
1.	Team Leader				
2.	Legal Expert				

Form 4I:

Curriculum Vitae (CV) for Proposed Staff (Key Personnel) with one page of summary of experience

RfQ-cum-RfP No. RFP No./ xxxx;

Tender Title:

Consultant's Name _____ [Address and Contact Details]

Consultant's Reference No. _____

Date.....

Position Title and No.	{e.g., K-1, TEAM LEADER}
Name of Expert:	{Insert full name}
Date of Birth:	{day/month/year}
Country of Citizenship / Residence	
Expert's contact no & Email id	

Education and Training: List college/university/ Institution or other specialized education/ Training, giving names of institutions, dates attended, degree(s)/diploma(s)/ Certificate(s) obtained. Highlight relevance to general and specific sectors}

Degree Obtained	Name of the Institute	Year

Experience Summary:

Total Professional Experience: _____ Years

Relevant Experience (as per RFP): _____ Years

Employment record relevant to the assignment: Starting with present position, list in reverse order. Please provide dates, name of employing organization, titles of positions held, types of activities performed and location of the assignment, and contact information of previous Procuring Entities and employing organization(s) who can be contacted for references. Past employment irrelevant to the assignment does not need to be included.

Period (From-To)	Employing organization and your title/position. Contact information for references	Country	Summary of activities performed and relevance to the Assignment
[e.g., May 2021- present]	[e.g., Ministry of, advisor/consultant to... For references: Tel...../e-mail.....; Mr, deputy minister]		

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Membership in Professional Associations and Publications:

Language Skills (indicate only languages in which you can work): _____

Adequacy for the Assignment:

Period (From-To)	Detailed Tasks Assigned on Consultant's Team of Experts:	Reference to Prior Work/Assignments that Best Illustrates Capability to Handle the Assigned Tasks
[e.g., May 2021- present]	{List all deliverables/tasks as in FORM T5 in which the Expert shall be involved}	

Certification:

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes myself, my qualifications, and my experience, and I am available, as and when necessary, to undertake the assignment in case of a Contract award. I understand that any misstatement or misrepresentation described herein may lead to my disqualification, dismissal, and/or sanctions by the NICDC.

Name of Expert

Signature

Date

.....

(Signature with date)

.....

(Name and designation)

Duly authorized to sign Proposal for and on behalf of

.....

[name, address, and seal of Consultant]

DA: As above, if any

Form 4J:

Authorization to Attend Pre-Proposal Conference

Consultant's Reference No. _____

Date.....

To
CEO & Managing Director,
National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation
8th Floor, Tower-1, LIC, Jeevan Bharti Building,
Connaught Place
New Delhi - 110001

Applicant

[Complete address of the Applicant]

Ref: RfQ-cum-RfP No. RFP No./ xxxx;

Tender Title:

Subject: Authorization to attend Pre-Proposal Conference on _____ (date).

Following persons are hereby authorized to attend the Pre-Proposal Conference for the tender mentioned above on behalf of _____ (Consultant) in the order of preference given below.

Sr.	Name	Government Photo ID Type/ Number
I.		
II.		

Alternate Representative

Note:

- 1. Maximum of two representatives (carrying valid Government photo IDs) shall be permitted to attend the Pre-Proposal opening. An alternate representative shall be permitted when regular representatives cannot attend.*
- 2. Permission to enter the hall where the pre-Proposal conference is conducted may be refused if authorization as prescribed above is not submitted.*

Signatures of Consultant

or

The officer authorized to sign the Proposal.

Documents on behalf of the Consultant

[name & address of Consultant and seal of company]

Form 4K

Disclosure of Prior Engagements with NICDC

Consultant's Reference No. _____

Date.....

To
CEO & Managing Director,
National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation
8th Floor, Tower-1, LIC, Jeevan Bharti Building,
Connaught Place
New Delhi - 110001

Applicant

[Complete address of the Applicant]

Ref: RfQ-cum-RfP No. RFP No./ xxxx; Tender Title:

[This form is to be completed by the Applicant to disclose any prior engagements undertaken with NICDC for consulting assignments of a similar nature to the current assignment, in compliance with Clause of the RfQ-cum-RfP.]

1. Prior Engagement Details

Please provide details of all prior consulting assignments with NICDC of a similar nature to the current assignment.

Engagement Description	Scope of Work	Duration	Project Reference/Name	Client Contact Person

2. Declaration

The Applicant hereby certifies and declares the following:

- The Applicant has fully disclosed all prior engagements with NICDC in compliance with this RfQ-cum-RfP.
- The Applicant acknowledges that NICDC reserves the exclusive right to determine whether any prior engagement constitutes a Conflict of Interest.

Section 5: Financial Proposal - Standard Forms

Form 5A	Financial Proposal Submission Form
Form 5B	Summary of Financial Proposal

Form 5A:

Financial Proposal Submission Form

[Location] [Date]

To:

CEO & Managing Director,
National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation
17th Floor, Hindustan Times House, 18-20, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi-110001

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

Subject: Engagement of Consultant for Structuring PPP Options and preparation of Tender Document and Concession Agreement/Joint Venture Agreement for Selection of a Master Developer under NICDP

Ref: RfQ-cum-RfP No. RFP No./ xxxx;

Tender Title:

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the services for [*name of assignment*] in accordance with your Request for Qualification – cum - Request for Proposal dated [*date*] and our Proposal. Our attached Financial Proposal is for the sum of [*amount(s) in words and figures*] including all applicable taxes for 6 months Consultancy Services.

Our Financial Proposal shall be binding upon us subject to the modifications resulting from arithmetic correction, if any, up to expiration of the validity period of the Proposal, i.e. [*date*].

We undertake that, in competing for (and, if the award is made to us, in executing) the above contract, we will strictly observe the laws against fraud and corruption in force in India namely —Prevention of Corruption Act 1988.

We understand you are not bound to accept any Proposal you receive. We remain,
Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature [*In full and initials*]:

Name and Title of Signatory:

Name of Firm and Address:

Form 5B

Summary of Financial Proposal

Ref: RfQ-cum-RfP No. RFP No./ xxxx; Tender Title:

Item	Amount in words	Amount in figures Cost (INR)
Costs of Financial Proposal (including all costs and all applicable taxes)		
GST		
Total cost of Financial Proposal (including GST)		

GST would be payable at the applicable rates as may be in force from time to time.

Note:

1. The finance bid must be submitted online only on the GeM portal.
2. In case of mis-match in figures and in words, the lower amount shall be considered as the final financial quote. No representation shall be entertained in this regard.
3. For the avoidance of doubt, it is expressly clarified that rate & amount quoted by the applicant/bidder shall be deemed to include Monthly Remuneration and Professional fees for carrying out all the obligations under this RfP cum RfQ.
4. NICDC will not provide any Computer/Laptops/Mobile/Software's/Cameras etc. anything related to the deliverables as per RFP

Section 6: Terms of Reference

1. Introduction

1.1 The National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP) is a Central Sector Scheme designed to create greenfield industrial smart cities and clusters of global standards. These industrial cities are planned and developed ahead of demand, equipped with “plug-and-play” infrastructure, ICT-enabled utilities, and a “walk-to-work” environment that facilitates large-scale manufacturing investments. The projects are implemented in partnership with State Governments, wherein the Government of India provides funds as equity and/or debt for trunk infrastructure development, and the respective State Governments contribute land as their equity share.

1.2 To date, trunk infrastructure, including roads and utilities, sewage treatment plants (STPs), common effluent treatment plants (CETPs), water treatment plants (WTPs), command and control centres, administrative buildings, and landscaping, has been completed in four (04) projects, namely:

- Dholera, Ahmedabad (Gujarat)
- Shendra–Bidkin, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar (Maharashtra)
- Integrated Industrial Townships, Greater Noida (Uttar Pradesh)
- Vikram Udyogpuri, Ujjain (Madhya Pradesh)

1.3 Four (04) additional projects are under construction:

- Tumakuru (Karnataka) – Industrial Area
- Krishnapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) – Industrial Area

EPC contractors have been appointed in both.

Two further projects are also under development:

- Integrated Multimodal Logistics Hub (IMLH), Nangal Chaudhary (Haryana)
- Multimodal Logistics Hub (MMLH) and Multimodal Transport Hub (MMTH), Greater Noida (Uttar Pradesh)

The IMLH and MMLH are being developed under the PPP mode, while the MMTH, envisioned as a major transport hub for the NCR, comprises both EPC and PPP components.

1.4 In August 2024, the Government of India approved twelve (12) additional Industrial Corridor Projects spanning underserved regions of the country to promote balanced and planned industrialization. These projects are:

- Amritsar–Kolkata Industrial Corridor (AKIC): Agra, Prayagraj (Uttar Pradesh); Gaya (Bihar); Khurpia (Uttarakhand); Hisar (Haryana); Rajpura–Patiala (Punjab).
 - Delhi–Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC): Jodhpur–Pali–Marwar Region (Rajasthan); Dighi Port Industrial Area (Maharashtra).
 - Visakhapatnam–Chennai Industrial Corridor (VCIC): Koppaerthy (Andhra Pradesh).
 - Hyderabad–Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (HBIC): Orvakal (Andhra Pradesh).
 - Hyderabad–Nagpur Industrial Corridor (HNIC): Zaheerabad (Telangana).
 - Chennai–Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (CBIC – Extension): Palakkad (Kerala)
- 1.5 National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (“**NICDC**”) Limited, an autonomous body under Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (“**DPIT**”), Govt of India has been set up for coordinated implementation of the NICDP. NICDC has been mandated to act as a project development company which undertakes various pre-feasibility, feasibility, master planning and engineering studies for developing greenfield industrial smart cities. NICDC also functions as the Knowledge Partner to the National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (“**NICDIT**”) (formerly, DMIC Trust), all Project SPVs and the State Government agencies for the implementation of the NICDP.
- 1.6 The scale and complexity of NICDP projects necessitate active participation of the private sector, and it is therefore essential to develop suitable Public-Private Partnership (PPP) structures that ensure balanced risk allocation, financial viability, operational efficiency, and long-term sustainability.
- 1.7 In order to achieve the above, it is necessary to undertake a benchmarking study of comparable national and international projects to assess various project structuring options relevant to NICDP, to develop multiple PPP structuring models with detailed analysis, to examine the advantages and disadvantages of each model, and to recommend the most appropriate structuring framework for the proposed developments.
- 1.8 Following the identification of the preferred structuring model, it is further required to prepare the complete set of bid documents necessary for the transparent and competitive selection of a Master Developer or Concessionaire, including the drafting of the Request for Qualification-cum-Request for Proposal (RFQ-cum-RFP) (with clear eligibility requirements, evaluation criteria, and modalities of development, as well as the preparation and finalization of the Concession Agreement or Joint Venture Agreement in accordance with guidelines and model documents issued by relevant Central or State authorities.
- 1.9 The Consultant engaged under this assignment will be expected to adapt and refine existing model documents as necessary, to ensure their suitability for NICDP projects, and to work closely with NICDC in finalizing the tender documents and concession frameworks, with all technical and project-specific details to be provided by NICDC.
- 1.10 Now through this RFQ-cum-RFP, NICDC i.e. the Authority seeks to engage a qualified and experienced Consultant to provide the aforesaid services, encompassing the structuring of PPP

options, the preparation of bid documentation, and the drafting of concession and/or joint venture agreements, in order to facilitate the efficient and transparent selection of a Master Developer for the implementation of infrastructure projects under NICDP.

2. Scope of Work:

2.1 The broad scope of the TA is given below but not limited to:

1.1.1 Module A

- a. Undertake a benchmarking study to assess project structuring options relevant to NICDP projects.
- b. Develop multiple structuring models with detailed analysis.
- c. Present the pros and cons of each option.
- d. Recommend the most suitable model for development.

1.1.2 Module B

- a. Prepare bid documents based on the outcomes of Module A.
- b. Develop tender evaluation and selection criteria for the Master Developer/Concessionaire, in line with guidelines issued by the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Commerce, or other relevant authorities.
- c. Prepare and finalize the following:
 - Request for Proposal (RFP), including evaluation criteria and modality of development (e.g., through SPV/JV).
 - Concession Agreement (CA).
- d. Secure approval for the RFP/CA documents.

Notes:

- The TA may adopt and suitably adapt the Model Bid Documents for PPPs and Model Concession Agreements issued by the erstwhile Planning Commission or other Central/State authorities, as required.
- NICDC shall provide all technical inputs and project-specific details necessary for the TA to execute the scope under Modules A and B.

3. Deliverables & Payment:

3.1 The consultancy fee will be paid in accordance with the submission and acceptance of the following milestone by NICDC:

S. No.	Deliverable	Time (in days)	Payment %
1	Inception report	T + 10	10%
2	Submission of draft project structuring report	T + 45	20%
3	Submission of final project structuring	Within 15 days from	10%

	report	receipt of NICDC comments on draft project structuring report	
4	Submission of draft bidding document – RFP, CA, and Financial Forms	T + 120	20%
5	Submission of Final bidding documents – RFP, CA and Financial Forms, after incorporating comments of NICDC	Within 20 days from receipt of comments on draft bidding document – RFP, CA, and Financial Forms	10%
6.	Approval of Final bidding documents – RFP, CA and Financial Forms, by NICDC	Within 10 days from receipt of comments on draft bidding document – RFP, CA, and Financial Forms	30%

4. Team Composition:

4.1 The broad expectations from the Personnel that would be proposed for the project are as follows:

- (a) The Personnels should have experts as detailed in Clause 5 below.
- (b) The Consultant shall ensure that the appropriate team shall be designated on an exclusive basis in order to ensure the required coordination with NICDC, and to complete the project or tasks assigned.

4.2 Consultant shall ensure that services of the Core Team are provided full time for the contractual period.

5. MINIMUM REQUIRED EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE OF PROPOSED CORE TEAM

5.1 List of Minimum Key Personnel

Key Experts:					
S. No	Description	Required Nos	Key task	Educational Background	Minimum Professional Experience
1	Team Leader/ Technical Expert	1	Lead the overall engagement	PGDM / MBA or equivalent	i. 10+ years of professional experience in undertaking in the infrastructure sector ii. Minimum 06 years' experience in successfully managing and executing concession agreements

Key Experts:					
S. No	Description	Required Nos	Key task	Educational Background	Minimum Professional Experience
					for projects in the infrastructure sector. iii. Prior experience of formulating project structure for projects in Infrastructure sector
2	Legal Expert	1	Formulate the concession agreement	Bachelor's degree in Law	i. Minimum 08 years of experience ii. Should have a minimum experience of 05 years in managing legal matters in PPP projects including review of agreements, clarifications of by-laws, etc. iii. Should have experience of working with Government Agencies

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Personnel designated as Professionals must always be employees of the Consultant.

Section 7: Standard Form of Contract

CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES

between

[Name of Client]

and

[Name of Consultants]

Dated:

1. Format 1: Form of Contract

Contract to undertake [*name of assignment*]

This Contract for Consultancy Services (herein called the “**Contract Agreement**”) is made at New Delhi on the [] day of the month of [], by and between

The National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Limited, hereinafter referred to as the “**Client**” which expression unless repugnant to context or meaning thereof shall include its successors, affiliates and assigns) of the First Part.

AND

{[] (a [company] incorporated under [], having its registered office at [], hereinafter referred to as the —Consultant, which expression unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof shall include its successors and permitted assigns).} (*Applicable for Single Entity*)

OR

{[], (a [company] incorporated under [], having its registered office at [], hereinafter referred to as —[ABC]); and

[]; (a [company] incorporated under [], having its registered office at [], hereinafter referred to as —[XYZ]).

[ABC] and [XYZ] are hereinafter collectively referred to as “**Consultant**”, which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include the successors and permitted assigns of the Members

WHEREAS

- (A) National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (“**NICDP**”) is a central sector scheme intended to create greenfield industrial smart cities/clusters of global standards. These industrial cities/clusters are built ‘ahead of demand’ with ‘plug-n-play’ infrastructure & ICT enabled utilities, walk to work culture facilitating manufacturing investments. These projects are developed in partnership with State Governments. Government of India provides funds as equity and/or debt for trunk infrastructure development and States provide land as their equity contribution.
- (B) Till date Trunk infrastructure (roads & utilities, STP, CETP, WTP, command & control centre, administrative building, area landscaping etc.) has been completed in 4 (four) projects namely, Dholera, Ahmedabad in Gujarat; Shendra-Bidkin, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar in Maharashtra; Integrated Industrial Townships in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh & Vikram Udyogpuri, Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh. Land allotment for industrial and mixed use is in progress in these projects.
- (C) Four (04) more projects under construction comprise of two industrial areas in Tumakuru, Karnataka and Krishnapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. EPC contractors have been appointed in

both. 2 (two) more under construction projects are, IMLH (Integrated Multimodal Logistics Hub), Nangal Chaudhary, Haryana and MMLH & MMTH (Multimodal Logistics Hub & Multimodal Transport Hub), Greater Noida, UP. Both IMLH and MMLH projects are being developed under PPP mode. MMTH is a transportation hub project for NCR, having both EPC and PPP components.

- (D) In August, 2024, the Government of India approved 12 more Industrial Corridor Projects in August 2024. These 12 (twelve) projects cover the length and breadth of the country which are less served industrial areas requiring planned industrialization. Six (06) projects are in AKIC – 2 in UP (Agra & Prayagraj) & 1 each in Bihar (Gaya), Uttarakhand (Khurpia), Haryana (Hisar) & Punjab (Rajpura Patiala). Two (02) projects fall under DMIC – Rajasthan (Jodhpur-Pali – Marwar region) & Maharashtra (Dighi port industrial area). 2 projects in AP – VCIC (Koppaarthi) & HBIC (Orvakal). 1 project each in Telangana - HNIC (Zaheerabad) & Kerala - CBIC Extn. (Palakkad).
- (E) National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (“**NICDC**”) Limited, an autonomous body under Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (“**DPIIT**”), Govt of India has been set up for coordinated implementation of the NICDP. NICDC has been mandated to act as a project development company which undertakes various pre-feasibility, feasibility, master planning and engineering studies for developing greenfield industrial smart cities. NICDC also functions as the Knowledge Partner to the National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (“**NICDIT**”) (formerly, DMIC Trust), all Project SPVs and the State Government agencies for the implementation of the NICDP.
- (F) The scale and complexity of NICDP projects shall necessitate active participation of the private sector, and it shall therefore be essential to develop suitable Public-Private Partnership (PPP) structures that ensure balanced risk allocation, financial viability, operational efficiency, and long-term sustainability. For this purpose, a benchmarking study of comparable national and international projects shall be undertaken to assess various structuring options relevant to NICDP, multiple PPP models shall be developed with detailed analysis, the advantages and disadvantages of each model shall be examined, and the most appropriate framework for the proposed developments shall be recommended. Further, the complete set of bid documents required for the transparent and competitive selection of a Master Developer or Concessionaire shall be prepared, including the drafting of the Request for Qualification-cum-Request for Proposal (RFQ-cum-RFP) with clear eligibility requirements, evaluation criteria, and modalities of development, as well as the preparation and finalization of the Concession Agreement or Joint Venture Agreement in accordance with guidelines and model documents issued by the relevant Central or State authorities.
- (G) With the aforesaid background, the Client had issued a letter of invitation to interested Applicants, a copy of which is annexed as Appendix G, and called for Proposals, vide its Request for Qualification-cum-Request for Proposal dated [●] (“**RfQ-cum-RfP**”), for the Engagement of Consultant for Structuring PPP Options and preparation of Tender Document and Concession Agreement/Joint Venture Agreement for Selection of a Master Developer under NICDP.
- (H) After the evaluation of the proposals submitted by the Applicants, the Client shortlisted the Proposal submitted by the Consultant. Thereafter, the Client and the Consultant participated in negotiations pursuant to which the Consultant was issued a letter of award, a copy of which annexed hereto;

- (I) The Consultant has proposed to the Client to render certain consulting services and the Client has agreed to avail of such services from the Consultant, in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in this Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants herein contained, and other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

1. CONTRACT

The Parties shall be bound by the terms and conditions contained in this Contract.

“**Contract**” shall mean, collectively, this Cover Agreement, the General Conditions of Contract (“**GCC**”), the Special Conditions of Contract (“**SCC**”), the Appendices listed below, all Work Orders, Supplementary Work Orders and any other appendices, annexes, schedules, exhibits and documents that may from time to time be attached hereto or thereto, or incorporated herein or therein, and as any or all of the same may be amended, modified or supplemented, or superseded, from time to time in accordance with the terms of the Contract.

The following Appendices shall form an integral part of this Contract:

Appendix A	Terms of reference containing, inter-alia, the Description of the Services and reporting requirements.
Appendix B	Personnel, Task assignment, work programme, manning schedule, qualification requirements of Personnel.
Appendix C	Approach and methodology.
Appendix D	Duties of the Client.
Appendix E	Cost Estimate.
Appendix F	“Conformed Document” which incorporates all the changes, modifications and results of the contract discussion.
Appendix G	Copy of Letter of Award.
Appendix H	Copy of letter of Award/ acceptance by consultant.
Appendix I	Copy of Bank Guarantee for Performance Security.
Appendix J	Clarifications.
Appendix K	Correspondences.

2. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

- 2.1 The mutual rights and obligations of the Client and the Consultant shall be as set forth in the Contract; in particular:
- The Consultant shall carry out the Services in accordance with the provisions of the Contract including without limitation, the Terms of Reference (as set forth in **Appendix-A**) annexed herewith and, in the manner, set out in Approach and

Methodology (as set forth in **Appendix-C**) submitted by the Consultant along with the Proposal;

- b. The Client shall be responsible to comply with the Duties of the Client (as set forth in **Appendix-D**) and make payments to the Consultant based on the monthly rates for the Consultant's Key Professional, in accordance with the provisions of this Contract against completion of the milestones.

2.2 The Consultant will be responsible for providing comprehensive support in **project structuring** and **transaction documentation**. Under Module A, the Consultant shall undertake a benchmarking study to identify suitable project structuring approaches for NICDP projects. This will involve developing multiple structuring models, supported by detailed analysis, and presenting the comparative advantages and disadvantages of each option. Based on this assessment, the Consultant shall recommend the most appropriate development model to ensure effective implementation, commercial viability, and alignment with national and state-level objectives.

2.3 Building on the outcomes of Module A, the Consultant shall, under Module B, prepare the complete set of bidding documents required for the selection of a Master Developer/Concessionaire. This will include drafting the Request for Proposal (RFP), along with detailed evaluation criteria, modalities of development (e.g., SPV/JV), and a comprehensive Concession Agreement (CA). The Consultant will ensure that these documents are in line with applicable guidelines of the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Commerce, or other competent authorities, and will secure NICDC's approval prior to finalization. In preparing these documents, the Consultant may adopt and suitably adapt the standard Model Bid Documents and Model Concession Agreements issued by the erstwhile Planning Commission or other government bodies, tailoring them to meet the specific requirements of the project. NICDC will provide all necessary technical and project-specific details to facilitate the Consultant's work.

3. **PRIORITY OF DOCUMENTS**

The Cover Agreement and other documents comprising this Contract are to be taken as mutually explanatory. The Parties expressly agree that to the extent of any conflict, inconsistency or contradiction between any Clauses forming part of the documents constituting this Contract, the documents shall be interpreted in the following order of precedence:

- a. The Cover Agreement will override all provisions of other documents comprising the Contract.
- b. The provisions of the SCC shall be subject to the Cover Agreement but shall override all provisions of other documents comprising this Contract.
- c. The provisions of the GCC shall be subject to the Cover Agreement and the SCC but shall take precedence over all other documents comprising this Contract.
- d. The Appendices shall be subject to each of the Cover Agreement, SCC and the GCC.

- e. Within each of the documents comprising this Contract, in case of any ambiguities or discrepancies, the specific Clause relevant to the issue will prevail over the general Clauses.

5. GOVERNING LAWS, JURISDICTION, AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

5.1 Governing Law and Jurisdiction

This Contract, its meaning and interpretation, and the relation between the Parties shall be governed by and be construed and interpreted in accordance with Laws of India and subject to Clause 12 of the GCC, the courts of New Delhi, India shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all matters arising out of or relating to this Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Contract to be signed in their respective names as of the day and year first above written

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF NICDC _____ BY AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE NAME: DESIGNATION:	WITNESS NO. 1: NAME OF THE WITNESS: SIGNATURE; ADDRESS:
FOR AND ON BEHALF OF [CONSULTANT] _____ BY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE NAME: DESIGNATION:	WITNESS NO. 2: NAME OF THE WITNESS: SIGNATURE: ADDRESS:

2. Format 2: General Conditions of Contract (GCC)

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 Definitions

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms whenever used in this Contract have the following meanings:

“Applicable Law” means the all laws, bye-laws, rules, regulations, orders, ordinances, protocols, codes, guidelines, policies, notices, directions, judgments, decrees and any other instruments having the force of law in India as they may be issued and in force from time to time;

“Affiliate” means, with respect to any Party, any other entity that, directly or indirectly: (a) Controls such Party; (b) is Controlled by such Party; (c) is Controlled by the same person who, directly or indirectly, Controls such Party; and “Control” with respect to any person, shall mean: (a) the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such person whether through the ownership of voting share capital, by agreement or otherwise or the power to elect more than one-half of the directors, partners or other individuals exercising similar authority with respect to such person; (b) the possession, directly or indirectly, of a voting interest of more than 50%; and the terms “Controlling” and “Controlled by” shall be construed accordingly;

“Client” means the Party named in the Contract, who employs the Consultant;

“Consultant” or “Consultants” means the party named in the Contract, who is employed as an independent professional firm by the Client to perform the Services;

“Contract” means the Contract signed by the Parties, to which these General Conditions of Contract (GCC) constitute a part, together with all other documents listed in this signed Contract;

“Contract Price” means the price to be paid for the performance of the Services as mentioned in the SCC;

“Corrupt Practice” means the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of a public official in the selection process or in contract execution.

“Fraudulent Practice” means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a selection process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of the Client, and includes collusive practice among consultants (prior to or after submission of proposals) designed to establish prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the Client of the benefits of free and open competition.

“GCC” means the General Conditions of Contract;

“Government” means the Government of Client’s country;

“**Local Currency**” means the currency of the Government;

“**Material Adverse Effect**” means material adverse effect on (a) the ability of the Consultant to observe and perform any of its rights and obligations under and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and/or (b) the legality, validity, binding nature or enforceability of this Agreement;

“**Party**” means the Client or the Consultants, as the case may be, and Parties means both of them;

“**Performance Security**” shall mean the irrevocable and unconditional bank guarantee provided by the Consultant from a scheduled Indian bank as guarantee for the performance of its obligations in respect of the Contract;

“**Personnel**” means persons hired by the Consultants or by any Sub-consultant as employees and assigned to the performance of the Services or any part thereof;

“**Project**” means “[name of assignment]”;

“**SCC**” means the Special Conditions of Contract by which these General Conditions of the Contract may be amended or supplemented;

“**Services**” means the work to be performed by the Consultants pursuant to this Contract as described in TOR;

“**Work Order**” means a specific directive or order to perform a defined scope for a defined duration and fee

1.2 Interpretation

In this Contract, unless otherwise stated or except where the context otherwise requires:

- 1 The singular includes the plural and vice versa and any word or expression defined in the singular shall have a corresponding meaning if used in the plural and vice versa. A reference to any gender includes the other gender.
- 2 A reference to any document, agreement, deed or other instrument (including, without limitation, references to this Contract) shall be construed as a reference to the same as it may have been, or may from time to time be, amended, modified, novated or substituted.
- 3 A reference to any Applicable Law includes any amendment, modification, re-enactment or change in interpretation or applicability of such law and a reference to any statutory body or authority includes a reference to any successor as to such of its functions as are relevant in the context in which the statutory body or authority was referred to.
- 4 Where a word or phrase has a defined meaning, any other part of speech or grammatical form in respect of the word or phrase has a corresponding meaning.

- 5 The words “**include**” and “**including**” are to be construed without limitation.
- 6 The terms “**herein**”, “**hereof**”, “**hereto**”, “**hereunder**” and words of similar purport refer to this Contract as a whole. Where a wider construction is possible, the words “**other**” and “**otherwise**” shall not be construed ‘*ejusdem generis*’ with any foregoing words.
- 7 In the Contract, headings are for the convenience of reference only and are not intended as complete or accurate descriptions of the content thereof and shall not be used to interpret the provisions of the Contract.
- 8 any obligation not to do something shall be deemed to include an obligation not to suffer, permit or cause that thing to be done. An obligation to do something shall be deemed to include an obligation to cause that thing to be done.
- 9 the rule of interpretation which requires that a contract be interpreted against the person or Party drafting it shall have no application in the case of this Contract.
- 10 References to a person (or to a word importing a person) shall be construed so as to include:
 - a. Individual, firm, partnership, trust, joint venture, company, corporation, body corporate, unincorporated body, association, organization, any government, or state or any agency of a government or state, or any local or municipal authority or other Governmental Authority (whether or not in each case having separate legal personality);
 - b. That person’s successors in title and assigns or transferees permitted in accordance with the terms of the Contract; and
 - c. References to a person’s representatives shall be to its officers, Personnel, legal or other professional advisors, subcontractors, agents, attorneys and other duly authorized representatives.
- 11 Reference to a “**day**” shall mean a calendar day.
- 12 Reference to a provision of the GCC shall be a reference to such provision as may be amended or supplemented by the SCC.

1.3 Scope of Services:

This Contract is for the performance and delivery of Services as described in **Appendix A-Terms of Reference**, including the scope and quantum specified therein. The Services may be further detailed in individual Work Orders or Supplementary Work Orders issued during the First Year or any Subsequent Year.

1.4 Location

The Services shall be performed at such locations as whether in Country or elsewhere, as the Client may approve.

1.5 Authorized Representatives

- 1.5.1 Any action required or permitted to be taken, and any document required or permitted to be executed, under this Contract by the Client or the Consultant may be taken or executed by the officials designated in the SCC as the representatives of the Client and the Consultant (“**Authorised Representative**”), as the case may be;
- 1.5.2 Provided that either Party may, from time to time, by giving a 15 (fifteen) days’ notice to the other Party in writing, change its Authorised Representative.
- 1.5.3 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Contract, the Client’s Authorised Representative shall have no authority to:
- a. Amend, alter, modify or waive any provision or term of this Contract, or
 - b. Relieve the Consultant of any of its duties, obligations or responsibilities under this Contract, or
 - c. Waive any failure or breach on the part of the Consultant.

1.6 Taxes and Duties

- 1.6.1 Unless otherwise specified in the SCC, the Consultants and their Personnel shall pay such taxes, duties, fees and other impositions as may be levied under the Applicable Law, the amount of which is deemed to have been included in the Contract Price.
- 1.6.2 The Client shall be entitled to deduct any Taxes required to be deducted at source under Applicable Law from any payments to be made by it to the Consultant. Further, in the event that the Client receives notification or assessment of any Taxes (whether as an agent, or in substitution of the Consultant, any Sub- consultants or its Personnel, servants, agents or otherwise) in respect of or arising out of the performance of the Consultant’s obligations under this Agreement which remain outstanding, the Client shall notify the Consultant of the same and the Consultant shall promptly take all necessary action for settlement and/or any other lawful disposal of such notification or assessment. Furthermore, the Consultant shall pay forthwith on demand to the Client all costs including fines and penalties, which the Client may incur as a result of:
- a. the Client having been required by any governmental authority to pay any Taxes which the Consultant is liable to bear hereunder; or
 - b. any cost actually sustained by the Client for failure by the Consultant to pay any Taxes for which it is responsible under this Contract.

2. **COMMENCEMENT, COMPLETION, MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION OF CONTRACT**

2.1 Effectiveness of Contract

This Contract shall come into effect on the date the Contract is signed by both the Parties or such later date as may be stated in the SCC ("**Effective Date**").

2.2 Commencement of Services

2.2.1 The Consultant shall commence the Services from the Effective Date or any date prior to that with written approval from the Client ("**Commencement Date**"). If the Consultant does not commence the Services within the aforesaid period or if the Consultant fails to provide the Performance Security within the period specified in the SCC, the Client may, by not less than 7 (seven) days' notice to the Consultant, declare this Contract to be null and void and this Contract shall stand terminated in the event of such declaration, and the Consultant shall be deemed to have accepted such termination.

2.2.2 Further, the Client may, in the event of such termination, forfeit the Performance Security as liquidated damages and not as penalty, in respect of losses and costs incurred by the Client on account of such termination.

Provided that in the event the Performance Security has not been submitted by the Consultant, the Client shall be entitled to forfeit the Bid Security and claim the remaining sum (by which the value of the Performance Security exceeds the Bid Security) from the Consultant as liquidated damages. The Parties agree that the liquidated damages amounts specified herein are a genuine pre-estimate as of the date hereof of damages likely to be incurred.

2.3 Term of the Contract

Unless terminated earlier pursuant to Clause 2.5 of the GCC, this Contract shall terminate at the end of such time period as shall be specified in the SCC.

2.4 Force Majeure

2.4.1 Definition

- 1 For the purposes of this Contract, "**Force Majeure**" means an event, act, or circumstances, or combination of events, acts or circumstances, which directly, materially and adversely affects the Party's ("**Affected Party**") performance of its obligations pursuant to the terms of this Contract, but only if and to the extent that such events, acts or circumstances are beyond the reasonable control of the Affected Party, were not the fault of the Affected Party, were not reasonably foreseeable at the time of execution of this Contract and could not have been prevented or overcome or mitigated by the Affected Party through the exercise of Good Industry Practices.
- 2 Force Majeure includes, but is not limited to acts of God (but not including negligence or wrongdoing), war, hostilities, acts of public enemy, riots, civil disorder, sabotage, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes or lockouts (excluding strikes or labour disturbance at the facilities of the Consultant or Client) earthquake, fire, explosion, storm, flood or other adverse weather conditions (but not including predictable/seasonal rain), any unlawful or unauthorised act, failure to act, restraint or regulation, of any governmental authority (other than the Client) affecting the performance of its obligations by the Affected Party hereunder; but shall not include the following

circumstances, except to the extent that they are consequences of an event of Force Majeure:

- 1 unavailability of Personnel or unavailability, late delivery, or changes in cost of any material, equipment, services, technology, software required for the performance of the Services;
- 2 insufficiency of finances or funds, financial insolvency, financial distress or this Contract becoming onerous to perform;
- 3 failure to comply with any Applicable Law; or
- 4 any delay or default of any Sub-Consultants or Personnel.

2.4.2 No Breach of Contract

- 1 The failure of or delay by the Affected Party to fulfil any of its obligations under the Contract shall not be a breach of, or default under this Contract insofar as such inability arises from an event of Force Majeure, provided that the Affected Party affected by such an event:
 - a. has taken all precautions, due care and reasonable alternative measures in order to carry out the terms and conditions of this Contract and to mitigate the consequences of any event of Force Majeure; and
 - b. has informed the other party as soon as possible, and in any event within a period of 10 (ten) days of the occurrence of the Force Majeure event:
 - a. about the occurrence of such Force Majeure event;
 - b. the dates of commencement and estimated cessation of Force Majeure event, provided that in case of a continuing Force Majeure event, the Affected Party shall provide periodic reports at intervals of not more than 7 (seven) days; and;
 - c. the manner in which the Force Majeure event(s) affects the Affected Party's obligation(s) under the Contract.
- 2 The Affected Party shall also notify the other Party of the cessation of the Force Majeure event. The Parties agree that neither Party shall be able to suspend or excuse the non-performance of its obligations hereunder unless such Affected Party has given the notice specified above. Further, the Affected Party shall not be relieved of the performance of that part of its obligations under this Contract which is not affected by the event of Force Majeure.

2.4.3 Extension of Time

If the Affected Party becomes unable to perform all or part of its obligations under this Contract on account of an event of Force Majeure, the Affected Party shall be permitted an extension of time for the performance of such obligations to the extent affected by the event of Force

Majeure and, if the Consultant is the Affected Party, it shall be entitled to an extension of time for the performance of the relevant Services for a period equal to the time during which the impossibility of performance due to Force Majeure continues.

2.4.4 Payments

- 1 During the period of existence of an event of Force Majeure, to the extent the Consultant is unable to perform any Services as a result of such event of Force Majeure, the Consultant shall not be entitled to continue to be paid under the terms of this Contract or to be reimbursed for any costs incurred by it during such period (except to the extent such costs relate to that part of the Services that the Consultant continues to perform in accordance with the provisions of this Contract), provided that the Consultant shall be paid reasonable and properly incurred expenses in demobilising and reactivating the Services after the end of such period.
- 2 In the event that a Force Majeure event affecting the Consultant's ability to discharge its obligations under the terms of the Contract, the Consultant and the Client shall engage in discussions and mutually agree on any necessary adjustments to the scope, level, or schedule of the Services provided by the Consultant, as well as any corresponding changes to the Consultant's remuneration. Any such mutually agreed adjustments shall be formalized through the issuance of a Supplementary Work Order by the Client.

2.5 Termination

2.5.1 Termination by the Client

The Client may terminate this Contract, by not less than fifteen (15) days' or thirty (30) written notice of termination to the Consultants, to be given after the occurrence of any of the events specified in this clause:

- 1 if the Consultants do not remedy a failure in the performance of their obligations under the Contract, within a period of sixty (60) days, after being notified or within such further period as the Client may have subsequently approved in writing;
- 2 within thirty (30) days, if the Consultants become insolvent or bankrupt;
- 3 if, as the result of Force Majeure, the Consultants are unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) days;
- 4 within thirty (30) days, if the Consultant fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration proceedings pursuant to relevant clauses hereof;
- 5 Within thirty (30) days, if the Consultant submits to the Client a false statement which has a material effect on the rights, obligations or interests of the Client. If the Consultant places itself in position of conflict of interest or fails to disclose promptly any conflict of interest to the Client;
- 6 within thirty (30) days, if the Consultant, in the judgment of the Client has engaged in Corrupt or Fraudulent Practices in competing for or in executing the Contract;
- 7 if the Client, in its sole discretion and for any reason whatsoever, within a period of thirty (30) days' decides to terminate this Contract.

2.5.2 Termination by the Consultant

The Consultants may terminate this Contract, by not less than thirty (30) day's' written notice to the Client, such notice to be given after the occurrence of the events specified in this clause:

- 1 if the Client fails to pay any money due to the Consultants pursuant to this Contract and not subject to dispute pursuant to relevant clauses hereof within forty-five (45) days after receiving written notice from the Consultants that such payment is overdue; or
- 2 if, as the result of Force Majeure, the Consultants are unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) days.

2.5.3 Cessation of Rights and Obligations

Upon termination of this Contract pursuant to actual Termination, or upon expiration of this Contract pursuant to relevant clause hereof, all rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder shall cease, except (i) such rights and obligations as may have accrued on the date of termination or expiration, (ii) the obligation of confidentiality set forth in relevant clause hereof, (iii) the Consultant's obligation to permit inspection, copying and auditing of their accounts and records set forth in relevant clause hereof, (iv) the rights of indemnity of the Client specified in relevant clause hereof and (v) any right which a Party may have under the Applicable Law.

2.5.4 Cessation of Services

Upon termination of this Contract by notice of either Party to the other pursuant to relevant clauses hereof, the Consultant shall, immediately upon dispatch or receipt of such notice, take all necessary steps to bring the Services to a close in a prompt and orderly manner and shall make every reasonable effort to keep expenditures for this purpose to a minimum. With respect to documents prepared by the Consultant and equipment and materials furnished by the Client, the Consultant shall handover all project documents under procedure described in this contract.

2.5.5 Payment upon Termination

Upon termination of this Contract, the Client will make the following payments to the Consultants:

- 1 Remuneration pursuant to relevant clauses for Services satisfactorily performed prior to the effective date of termination.
- 2 If the Contract is terminated pursuant to Clause 2.5.1 a), b), d), e) or f), the Consultant shall not be entitled to receive any agreed payments upon termination of the Contract. However, the Client may consider to make payment for the part satisfactorily performed on the basis of the quantum merit as assessed by it, in its sole discretion, if such part is of economic utility to the Client. Under such circumstances, upon termination, the Client may also impose liquidated damages as per the provisions of relevant clauses of this Contract. The consultant will be required to pay any such liquidated damages to Client within 30 days of termination date.

2.5.6 Disputes about Events of Termination:

If either Party Disputes Termination of the contract under relevant clauses hereof, such Party may, within forty-five (45) days after receipt of notice of termination from the other Party, refer

the matter to arbitration under relevant clauses hereof, and this Contract shall not be terminated on account of such event except in accordance with the terms of any resulting arbitral award.

2.5.7 Liability of the Consultant

The Consultant's liability and the Client's remedies under this Contract shall be in addition to and not in derogation of the Client's rights and remedies under Applicable Law. Further the limitation of liability has been set out under the Special Conditions of the Contract below.

3. **OBLIGATIONS OF THE CONSULTANT**

3.1 General

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 techniques and practices, and shall observe sound management practices, and employ appropriate advanced technology and safe methods. The Consultant shall always act, in respect of any matter relating to this Contract or to the Services, as faithful advisers to the Client, and shall at all times support and safeguard the Client's legitimate interests in any dealings with Sub-Consultants or third parties.

3.2 Conflict of Interest

3.2.1 Any breach of an obligation under this Clause 3.2 shall constitute a conflict of interest ("**Conflict of Interest**"). The Consultant shall comply and shall ensure the Sub-Consultants and Affiliates of the foregoing comply with the provisions of this Clause 3 and any breach of such an obligation shall constitute an event of default by the Consultant for the purposes of this Contract.

3.2.2 The Consultant shall promptly disclose any Conflict of Interest to the Client. For the avoidance of doubt, the Consultant agrees that a disclosure of any Conflict of Interest shall not in any manner whatsoever be deemed to cure such Conflict of Interest.

3.2.3 Consultant Not to Benefit from Commissions, Discounts, etc.

- 1 The remuneration of the Consultant pursuant to Clause 7 shall constitute the Consultant's sole remuneration 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 remuneration.
- 2 The Consultant has an obligation and shall ensure that its Personnel have an obligation to disclose any actual or potential conflict that impacts their capacity to serve the best interest of the Client, or that may reasonably be perceived as having this effect. Failure to disclose said situations may lead to the disqualification of the Consultant and/ or the termination of the Contract.

3.2.4 Consultant and Affiliates Not to Engage in Certain Activities

- 1 The Consultant agrees, and shall procure that the Sub-Consultants agree, that, during the term of the Contract and for a period of 2 (two) years after the termination or expiry of this Contract, the Consultant shall not and shall ensure that the Affiliates of any of the Members, its Sub-Consultants and any Affiliates of the Sub-Consultants, do not provide goods, works, services, loans, capital or equity (other than the Services and any continuation thereof) for any project or works resulting from or closely related to the Services;

Provided that the foregoing restriction shall not be applicable to any Programme management/consultancy/advisory services provided to the Client in continuation of the Services hereunder or to any subsequent Programme management/consultancy/advisory services provided to the Client in accordance with the rules, guidelines, policies of the Client.

- 2 Further, the Consultant shall during the course of performance of the Services and for a period of 2 (two) years after the expiry or termination of this Contract, ensure that there is no conflict of interest with that of the Project or the Client and to this end not enter into any arrangements (formal or informal) or undertake activities such that its interests conflict with any of its obligations under the Contract or are prejudicial to the interests of the Project or of the Client.
- 3 Further the Consultant shall not and shall ensure that the Sub-Consultants, the Affiliates of the foregoing and Personnel will not use improperly, for purposes of competition or gain, or pass on to others, any information or document, provided by the Client or any other persons involved in the Project.

For the purposes of this Clause 3.2.4, an “**Affiliate**” shall also include a partner in the firm of the Consultant/Sub-Consultant, as the case may be, or a person who holds more than 5% (five per cent) of the subscribed and paid up share capital of the Consultant/Sub-Consultant, as the case may be, and any Affiliate thereof.

3.2.5 Prohibition of Conflicting Activities

The Consultant shall not and shall ensure that the Sub-Consultants and the Personnel do not engage, either directly or indirectly, for a period of 2 (two) years after the termination or expiry of this Contract, in any business or professional activities which would conflict with the activities assigned to it under the Contract.

Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, certain illustrations of activities that would be in conflict with the services assigned to the Consultant under this Contract include the Consultant, any Sub-Consultant or Affiliate would include:

- 1 providing bid advisory services to any contractors or consultants bidding in respect of any works or services related to the Project; or
- 2 being engaged by any contractor for the Project for detailed planning, supervisory services, engineering support or any other services.

3.3 Confidentiality

- 3.3.1 The Consultant shall not and shall ensure that Affiliates of the Consultant and and Personnel do not, without the prior written consent of the Client, disclose, divulge, furnish or make known or accessible to, or use for the benefit of, anyone other than the Parties hereto, the contents of this Contract, any Work Orders or Supplementary Work Orders, any proprietary or confidential information relating to the Project, the Services, any information which may come to the Consultant's knowledge in the course of negotiations or otherwise concerning this Contract and/or the Project (including but not limited to any information provided by or pertaining to other entities involved in the Project, such as other Consultants, contractors etc) or the commercial or financial arrangements or affairs of the Client (collectively, "**Information**"); provided.
- 3.3.2 However, that the Consultant may disclose Information to its Personnel and the officers, employees of the Consultant and/or its Affiliates (the "**Consultant's Representatives**") who have a legitimate need to know the Information for the performance of Services.
- 3.3.3 The Consultant shall be responsible for informing the Consultant's Representatives of the confidentiality requirements imposed by this Contract and shall be responsible for any breach of the terms and conditions hereof by the Consultant's Representatives.
- 3.3.4 Further, the Consultant agrees and acknowledges that monetary damages would not be an adequate compensation for the Client in the event the Consultant breaches its confidentiality obligations under this Contract and the Parties agree that in the event of a breach or threatened breach of confidentiality, the Client shall, at its option, also be entitled to specific performance and injunctive or other equitable relief as a remedy for any such breach or anticipated breach.
- 3.3.5 The restrictions imposed by Clause 3.3.1 shall not apply to the disclosure of any Information by the Consultant:
- 1 which is now or hereafter comes into the public domain otherwise than as a result of a breach of an undertaking of confidentiality;
 - 2 was in the possession of the Consultant or its Consultant's Representatives on a non-confidential basis at the time of its disclosure under this Contract;
 - 3 becomes lawfully available to the Consultant or Consultant's Representatives on a non-confidential basis from any source, except the Client and its Affiliates (the "**Disclosing Party**"), provided that such source was not bound by an obligation of confidentiality to the Disclosing Party or any other person with respect to such information;
 - 4 that is independently developed by the Consultant without reference to Information provided by the Disclosing Party;
 - 5 that is disclosed to the legal advisers, auditors and other professional advisers of the Consultant, provided such persons are under an obligation to maintain confidentiality of such information;
 - 6 that is required to be disclosed by the Consultant pursuant to Applicable Laws;

Provided that the Consultant shall furnish only that portion of the Information which it is advised by its counsel is legally required to be disclosed and shall exercise reasonable efforts to obtain reliable assurance that confidential treatment will be accorded to such Information to the extent reasonably requested by the Disclosing Party; or that is approved for disclosure or release by written authorization of the Disclosing Party.

- 3.3.6 The confidentiality obligations under this Contract shall survive for a period of 2 (two) years after the expiration or termination of this Contract or for a period of 3 (three) years from the date of the latest of the disclosures made under or in relation to this Contract, whichever is later.

3.4 Consultant's Actions Requiring Client's Prior Approval

- 3.4.1 The Consultant shall obtain the Client's prior approval in writing (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) for any action that may be specified in the SCC.

3.5 Documents Prepared by the Consultant to be the Property of the Client

- 3.5.1 All plans, drawings, specifications, designs, reports, primary data, other documents, and software, that might have been provided by the Client to the Consultant or drafted, prepared, or collected by the Consultant in course of performance of its obligations under this Contract, ("**Contractual Materials**") shall be the property of the Client, and shall be marked accordingly.

- 3.5.2 The Consultant shall, no later than upon termination or expiration of this Contract, be under an obligation to dispose/deliver all such Contractual Materials according to the instructions of the Client, together with a detailed inventory thereof.

- 3.5.3 The Client, in its sole discretion, may require the Consultant to submit certain Contractual Materials either in physical format or a digital format.

- 3.5.4 Intellectual Property Rights vis-à-vis the Contractual Material, including registrations, applications, renewals, extensions, continuations, divisions or re-issues thereof, now or hereafter, shall not be used by the Consultant for any purpose other than the performance of the Services hereunder;

Provided that the Client may, at its sole discretion, grant a royalty free license to the Consultant for the use the Contractual Materials on other projects undertaken by the Consultant subject to the terms and conditions stipulated by the Client.

- 3.5.5 Any materials pertaining to the Services, of which the ownership or the Intellectual Property Rights – do not vest with the Client under Applicable Laws or the terms of this Contract, shall absolutely and irrevocably, stand assigned to the Client (without any royalty, fees or payments other than the remuneration provided for in this Contract) as and when such documents or materials are created, and the Consultant agrees to execute all documents and perform such acts as may be required by the Client for securing such assignment.

- 3.5.6 The Client acknowledges that pre-existing Intellectual Property shall remain the property of the Consultant, and the Consultant hereby provides an irrevocable royalty-free license for pre-existing Intellectual Property to the Client for the Project.

Provided that in respect of licenses in respect of any off-the-shelf software, the Consultant shall be required to provide, at no additional cost to the Client, licenses during the term of this Contract, however, after expiry or termination of this Contract, licenses in respect of off-the-shelf software shall be procured at the Client's cost.

3.5.7 For the avoidance of doubt, the Consultant agrees and acknowledges that the Client shall be entitled, without requiring the Consultant's consent, to

1. use or permit the use by any other entity involved in the implementation of the Project of any materials licensed to the Client by the Consultant; and
2. assign the license granted by the Consultant, or any part thereof, to the [State SPV/City SPV/Nodal SPV] or by any other entity involved in the implementation of the Project.

3.5.8 The Consultant shall ensure that the Contractual Material provided by the Consultant to the Client pursuant to this Contract does not and will not infringe Intellectual Property Rights of any third-party. The Consultant shall indemnify the Client against all claims, proceedings, actions, damages, legal costs (including but not limited to attorney's fees and court costs), expenses and any other liabilities arising from or incurred by the use by the Client of any Contractual Material provided by the Consultant to the Client pursuant to the terms of this Contract, which involves any infringement or alleged infringement of the Intellectual Property Rights of any third-party. If, in any suit or claim relating to such infringement or alleged infringement, a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction is granted, the Consultant shall make every effort to secure the suspension of the injunction or restraining order.

3.5.9 If, in any such suit or claim, any Contractual Material Provided by the Consultant, or any part, combination or process thereof, is finally held to constitute an infringement of any Intellectual Property Rights of a third-party, and its use is permanently enjoined, the Consultant shall secure for the Client a license, at no cost to the Client, authorizing continued use of such Contractual Material Provided by the Consultant. If the Consultant is unable to secure such license within a reasonable time, the Consultant shall, at its own expense and without impairing any performance requirements, either replace such Contractual Material Provided by the Consultant, or part, combination or process thereof or modify such Contractual Material Provided by the Consultant so that they become non-infringing.

3.6 Insurance to be taken out by the Consultant

3.6.1 The Consultant shall, within a period of 30 (thirty) days from the Effective Date, take out and maintain, at the Consultant own cost but on terms and conditions approved by the Client, insurance against the risks, and for the coverages, as shall be specified in the SCC.

3.6.2 Within 15 (fifteen) days of receiving any insurance policy certificate in respect of insurances required to be obtained and maintained under this Clause, the Consultant shall furnish to the Client, copies of such policy certificates, copies of the insurance certificates and, from time to time, evidence that the insurance premium have been paid in respect of such insurance. No insurance shall be cancelled, modified or allowed to expire or lapse during the terms of this Contract.

3.6.3 If the Consultant fails to effect and keep in force the aforesaid insurances for which it is responsible pursuant hereto, the Client shall apart from having other recourse available under

this Contract have the option without prejudice to the obligations of the Consultant, to take out the aforesaid insurance, to keep in force any such insurances, and pay such premia and recover the costs thereof from the Consultant, and the Consultant shall be liable to pay such amounts on demand by the Client.

- 3.6.4 The insurance policies so procured shall mention the Client as the beneficiary of the Consultant and the Consultant shall procure an undertaking from the insurance company in this regard.

3.7 Accounts and Audit

3.7.1 The Consultant shall:

1. keep accurate and systematic accounts and records in respect of the Services provided under this Contract, in accordance with internationally accepted accounting principles and standards such as Indian Accounting Standards, GAAP, etc and in such form and detail as will clearly identify all relevant time charges and cost, and the basis thereof (including the basis of the Consultant's costs and charges); and
2. permit the Client or any person designated by the Client to periodically, and up to 2 (two) years from the expiration or termination of this Contract, to inspect the same and make copies thereof as well as to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Client.

3.8 Clarification and/or Interpretation of Deliverables

After submission of the Deliverables by the Consultant, to the satisfaction of the Client, if any clarifications are required by the Client (including without limitation on account of any ambiguity or doubts on the interpretation of any matter contained in such Deliverables), the Consultant shall, as a part of the scope of Services and at no additional cost to the Client, on receipt of a written request from the Client, provide such clarification to the satisfaction of Client within a period of 10 (ten) days from the date of receipt of the request from the Client, and if required by the Client, attend meetings and/or hold discussions with the Client on the same.

3.9 Legal Compliance

The Consultant shall perform the Services in accordance with the Contract and the Applicable Law and shall take all practicable steps to ensure that any of its Experts and Sub-Consultants comply with the Applicable Law.

3.10 Custody and Return of the Client's Assets loaned to the Consultants

- 3.10.1 The Consultants shall sign accountable receipts for all the Assets made over to them by the Contract Manager on behalf of the Client. All such Assets shall be deemed in good condition when received by the Consultant unless the Consultant has notified the Client to the contrary within 24 (twenty-four) hours of receipt. In absence of such notification, the Consultant shall be deemed to have waived the right to do so at any subsequent stage.
- 3.10.2 These Assets shall remain the property of the Client, and the Consultant shall take all reasonable care of all such Assets. The Consultant shall be responsible for all damage or loss from

whatever cause while Assets are possessed or controlled by the Consultant, staff, workmen, or agents.

- 3.10.3 Where the Consultant insures such Assets against loss or fire at the request of the Client, such insurance shall be deemed to be by way of additional precaution and shall not prejudice the Consultant's liability as aforesaid.

4. Deployment of Resources

4.1 Site and Assets thereon

4.1.1 Site of Service Delivery

No Site belonging to or in possession of the Client shall be occupied/ used by the Consultant without the permission of the Client. The Consultant shall not use or allow the Site to be used for any purposes other than executing or concerning the execution of the Services under this Contract.

4.1.2 Prohibition of Smoking and Intoxicants:

- 1 The Consultant shall exercise influence and authority to the utmost extent to secure strict compliance by Consultant's Personnel or any other person employed through Sub-consultants or petty contractors with all the rules and regulations stipulated by the Client relating to the access to Site, including but not limited to

- (i) Prohibition of smoking in 'No Smoking Zone' and in Public Places;
- (ii) Prohibition of the use of any intoxicating substances including, but not limited to, intoxicating beverages during the service period or on-Site or near the Site or in any of the facilities, buildings, encampments, or tenements owned, occupied by or within the control of the Consultant or any their Personnel.

- 2 Safety practices relating to Client's staff, Public and third parties

- 3 Maintenance of peace and business-like ambience

4.2 Information and approvals

- 4.2.1 As part of the scope of Services, the Consultant shall arrange for the submission of all data, information and documentation that are required for the Client to apply for, obtain and maintain the permits, consents, approvals required for the Project. In the event the Consultant requires any information or documents from the Client or if any meetings with the Client or other persons are required for preparing the applications for consents, approvals or permits, the Consultant shall make any request for such information, documents and meetings within reasonable time, and sufficiently in advance to ensure that the schedule for performance of the Services is complied with and there are no delays in the execution of the Work Order.

5. **CONSULTANT'S PERSONNEL**

5.1.1 Team Lead:

The Consultant shall nominate a Team Lead, which shall, on receiving reasonable notice, present himself to the Contract Manager. Orders given by the Contract Manager or his representative to the Team Lead shall be deemed to have the same force as if given to the Consultant.

5.2 Obligation to Maintain Eligibility and Qualifications

The Contract has been awarded to the Consultant based on evaluation and scoring criteria stipulated in the RfQ-cum-RfP process based on eligibility and qualifications criteria stipulated therein. The Consultant is contractually bound to maintain compliance with all such criteria during the execution of the Contract. Any change which would vitiate the basis on which the Consultant was shortlisted or awarded the Contract should be pro-actively brought to the notice of the Client within 7 (seven) days of it coming to the Consultant's knowledge.

5.3 Description of Personnel

5.3.1 The titles, agreed job descriptions, minimum qualifications and estimated periods of engagement of the Personnel are described in **Appendix-B**.

5.3.2 If additional work is required beyond the scope of the Services specified in TOR, the level of effort and/or staff assigned in terms of man month may be increased by an agreement in writing between the Client and the Consultants and the cost relating thereto shall be determined as per the man month rates indicated in the financial bid.

5.3.3 If required to comply with the provisions of this Contract, adjustments with respect to level of effort, staff assignments, time may be made by the Consultants by written notice to the Client, provided (i) that such adjustments shall not alter the originally estimated period of engagement, scope, qualifications of team or deliverables and (ii) that the aggregate of such adjustments shall not cause payments under this Contract to exceed the ceilings set forth in this Contract. Any other such adjustments shall only be made with the Client's prior written approval.

5.4 Removal and/or Replacement of Personnel on directions of the Client

5.4.1 The Client will not normally consider substitutions except in cases of incapacity of key personnel for reasons of health. Similarly, after award of contract the Client expects all of the proposed key personnel to be available during implementation of the contract. The Client will not consider substitutions during contract implementation except under exceptional circumstances. During the course of providing services, substitution of key personnel would call for reduction and the reduced remuneration will not exceed 80 (eighty) percent of the remuneration agreed for the Original Key personnel against first replacement, thereafter reduction at the rate of 10% of the original quoted rates in respect of each subsequent replacement i.e. 70%, 60% and so on.

5.4.2 If the Client finds that any of the Personnel have (i) committed serious misconduct or has 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 the Consultants shall, at the Client's written request specifying the grounds therefore, forthwith provide as a replacement a person with qualifications and experience acceptable to the Client.

- 5.4.3 Any of the Personnel provided as a replacement under clauses above, the rate of remuneration applicable to such person as well as any reimbursable expenditures (including expenditures due to the number of eligible dependents) the Consultants may wish to claim as a result of such replacement, shall be subject to the prior written approval by the Client. Except as the Client may otherwise agree, (i) the Consultants shall bear all additional travel and other costs arising out of or incidental to any removal and/or replacement, and (ii) the remuneration to be paid for any of the Personnel provided as a replacement shall not exceed the remuneration which would have been payable to the personnel replaced.

5.5 Personnel of Consultant

- 5.5.1 All Personnel of Consultant who participate in the performance of the Services shall, for all purposes, be considered employees/personnel of the Consultant. The Consultant hereby acknowledges and agrees that the Client shall not in any manner whatsoever be liable for any labour claim or dispute that may be raised by any Personnel. The Consultant shall indemnify the Client, its Affiliates and officers, directors, shareholders, agents of the foregoing against any claims, actions, liabilities, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, legal fees) in relation to or arising out of claims by any Personnel.

6. **OBLIGATIONS OF THE CLIENT**

6.1 General

- 6.1.1 Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, the Client shall use its best efforts to
- 1 Issue instructions and information to its officials, agents, and stakeholders for prompt and effective implementation of the Services.
 - 2 Provide to the Consultant any other assistance as specified in the Contract.
 - 3 Access to Site: The Client warrants that the Consultant shall have, free of charge, unimpeded access to the Site if such access is required for the performance of the Services

6.2 Assistance and Exemptions

- 6.2.1 Unless otherwise specified in the SCC, the Client will use its best efforts to ensure that the Government will provide the Consultants and Personnel with work permits and such other documents as necessary to enable the Consultants or Personnel to perform the Services:
- 1 Assist for the Personnel and, if appropriate, their eligible dependents to be provided promptly with all supporting papers for necessary entry and exit visas, residence permits, exchange permits and any other documents required for their stay in India.
 - 2 Facilitate prompt clearance through customs of any property required for the Services
 - 3 Issue to officials, agents and representatives of the Government all such instructions as may be necessary or appropriate for the prompt and effective implementation of the Services.

6.3 Payments

6.3.1 The Consultants total remuneration shall not exceed the Contract Price as mentioned in the SCC and shall be a fixed lump sum including all staff costs, printing, communications, travel, accommodation, and the like, and all other costs incurred by the Consultant in carrying out the Services. In addition to these, any conditions mentioned in the SCC shall also be applicable to this contract. The Contract Price may only be increased, if the parties have agreed to additional payments in accordance with relevant clauses hereof.

6.3.2 Currency: The price is payable in local currency i.e. Indian Rupees.

6.4 Change in Applicable Law

6.4.1 If, 3 (three) days prior to date of submission of the Proposal, there is any change in the Applicable Law with respect to Taxes which increases or decreases the cost or reimbursable expenses 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 Contract between the Parties hereto.

6.4.2 The Parties agree and acknowledge that for the purposes of this Clause 6.4, Taxes shall mean only such Taxes payable in respect of the performance of the Services under this Contract and would exclude any taxes, imposts or levies, payable on income or profession by the Consultant, the Sub-Consultants or Personnel or for which any of them is obliged to account.

7. **PAYMENTS TO THE CONSULTANT**

7.1 Payment Terms

7.1.1 In consideration of the Services to be provided by the Consultant under this Contract, the Client shall make payments to the Consultant upon the completion and approval of each milestone, in accordance with the terms and procedures set out in this Contract.

7.1.2 The consultancy fee will be paid in accordance with the submission and acceptance of the following milestone by NICDC:

S. No.	Deliverable	Time (in days)	Payment %
1	Inception report	T + 10	10%
2	Submission of draft project structuring report	T + 45	20%
3	Submission of final project structuring report	Within 15 days from receipt of comments on draft project structuring report	10%
4	Submission of draft bidding document – RFP, CA, and Financial Forms	T + 120	20%
5	Submission of final bidding documents – RFP, CA and Financial Forms	Within 20 days from receipt of comments on draft bidding document – RFP, CA, and Financial Forms	10%

6.	Submission of Final Document incorporating comments of NICDC	Within 10 days from receipt of comments on draft bidding document – RFP, CA, and Financial Forms	30%
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7.2 Final Payment

7.2.1 The final payment under this Clause shall be made upon submission of the Consultant's final invoice, following the expiration of the term specified in Clause 2.3. The invoice must be clearly identified as final and shall only be payable once it has been reviewed and approved as satisfactory by the Client.

7.2.2 The Client shall make the final payment after ensuring that the Consultant has discharged all its relevant obligations under the Contract, including – return of all Assets have been returned to the Client as per the relevant Clause of the GCC.

7.2.3 The final payment shall be made as per the following calculations after receiving a clear '**No Claim Certificate**' signed by the Consultant:

- 1 necessary adjustment for any payments already made or retained
- 2 any deduction which may be made under the Contract,
- 3 A complete account of all claims the Consultant may have on the Client, and the Client gave a certificate in writing that such claims are correct.

7.2.4 The final invoice shall be deemed approved by the Client as satisfactory 90 (ninety) calendar days after receipt of the final invoice by the Client unless the Client, within such 90 (ninety) calendar day period, gives written notice to the Consultant specifying in detail deficiencies in the Services or final invoice. The Consultant shall promptly make any necessary corrections, and the preceding process shall be repeated.

7.2.5 In the event any amount that the Client has paid is more than the amounts that were payable under the provisions of this Contract shall be reimbursed by the Consultant within 30 (thirty) days after receipt by the Consultant of notice thereof.

7.3 No Claim Certificate and Release of Contract Security

7.3.1 The Consultant shall submit a '**No Claims Certificate**' to the Client in such form as shall be required by the Client after the Services are finally accepted and before the final payment/ Performance Security are released. The Client shall release the Performance Security without any interest if no outstanding obligation, asset, or payments are due from the Consultant.

7.3.2 The Consultant shall not be entitled to make any claim whatsoever against the Client under or arising out of this Contract, nor shall the Client entertain or consider any such claim, if made by the Consultant, after he shall have signed a '**No Claims Certificate**' in favour of the Client. The Contactor shall be debarred from disputing the correctness of the items covered by the '**No Claims Certificate**' or demanding arbitration.

7.4 Payment against time-bared claims

In accordance with the Limitation Act 1963, all claims against the Client shall be legally time-barred after three years calculated from when the payment falls due unless the payment claim has been under correspondence. The Client is entitled to, and it shall be lawful to reject such claims.

7.5 Commission and Fees

The Consultant shall disclose any commissions or fees that may have been paid or are to be paid to agents, representatives, or commission agents concerning the selection process or execution and performance of this Contract. The information disclosed must include the name and address of the agent, representative, or commission agent, the amount and currency, and the purpose of the commission or fee.

8. Delivery of Services and Delays

8.1 Delivery of Services and the Works Plan

8.1.1 The Consultant shall deliver all Services and submit Deliverables as specified in the Contract.

8.2 Progress Review

8.2.1 Subject to nuances set out under Section 6 (*Terms of Reference*), the Parties shall undertake the following steps to review the progress under the respective Work Orders:

- 1 **Kick-off Meeting**: The Client and the Consultant/ Team Lead shall meet at the beginning of the execution of the Work Order to ensure that the requirements of the Work Order are clearly understood by all concerned and that the contract management procedures are finalised.
- 2 **Periodic Reviews**: Unless otherwise decided by the Client and the Consultant's Team Lead, periodic review meetings shall be held to review the pace of progress as compared to the Work Plan and remedial actions thereto.
- 3 **Deliverables Reviews**: The Client and Consultant/ Team Lead may hold other meetings to review and approve specific Deliverables or phases as maybe specified in the Work Plan.

8.3 Time of Delivery of Services is of Essence of the Contract:

8.3.1 The time for delivery of Services shall be deemed to be the essence of the Contract. Subject to any requirement in the Contract as to the completion of any portions or portions of the Services before completion of the whole, the Consultant shall fully and finally complete the whole of the Services comprised in the Contract as per the Delivery and Completion Schedule stipulated in Section 6 (*Terms of Reference*).

8.3.2 If at any time during the currency of the Contract, the Consultant encounters conditions hindering the timely performance of Services; the Consultant shall promptly inform the Client in writing about the same and its likely duration.

8.3.3 The Consultant may request to the Client for an extension of the Work Plan not less than 1 (one) month before the expiry of the date fixed for completion of the Services. Client may agree to extend the Work Plan, with or without liquidated damages Clause, by issuing an amendment to the Contract in term of Clause 8.4 below.

8.4 Extension for Excusable Delay Not Due to Consultant

8.4.1 If in the opinion of the Consultant, the progress of Services has at any time been delayed due to the following reasons, then within 15 (fifteen) days of such event causing delay, the Consultant shall give notice thereof in writing to the Client, but shall nevertheless undertake the efforts make good the delays and to proceed with the Services:

- 1 Proceedings taken or threatened by or dispute with external third-parties arising otherwise than from the Consultant's own default; or
- 2 Delay authorized by the Client pending resolution of any dispute between the Parties; or
- 3 Any delay by the Client in the performance of its obligations under the Contract which has an impact on the timely performance of obligations by the Consultant.

8.4.2 The Consultant may also indicate the period for which the Services are likely to be delayed and ask for a necessary extension of time. On receipt of such request from the Consultant, the Client shall consider the same and grant such extension of time as, in its opinion, is reasonable regarding the nature and period of delay and the type and quantum of work affected thereby. No other compensation shall be payable for work carried forward to the extended period. The same rates, terms, and conditions as the original Work Order shall apply during the extended period.

8.5 Extension of Time for Inexcusable Delay Due to Consultant

8.5.1 If the Consultant fails to deliver the Services within the fixed/ extended period for reasons other than those stipulated in Clause 8.4 above, the Client may, if satisfied that the Service delivery can still be completed within a reasonable time, extend the period further.

8.5.2 On such extension, the Client shall be entitled, without prejudice to any other right and remedy available to the Client under the terms of this Contract, to recover from the Consultant liquidated damages as per Clause 9 below.

8.5.3 Provided further that if the Client is not satisfied that the service can be completed by the Consultant within a reasonable time or in the event of failure on the part of the Consultant to complete the Service within the extension of time allowed under Clause 8.5.2, the Client shall be entitled without prejudice to any other right or remedy available under the Contract, to treat the delays as a breach of Contract and avail any or all the remedies hereunder, whether or not actual damage is caused by such default.

8.6 Extension of Time for Concurrent Delay Due to Both Parties

8.6.1 If the Client determines that two or more events responsible for delay overlap each other, and that such delays are concurrently attributable to both – the Client and the Consultant, the

proportion for extension of time as per Clause 8.4 or 8.5, shall be determined by plotting each contributing concurrent delay on the critical path for the performance of Services.

9. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

- 9.1 If the selected Consultant fails to complete the Assignment, within the period specified under the contract, the consultant shall pay to the Client, fixed and agreed liquidated damages, and not as penalty, @ 1% of the contract fees for each week of delay or part thereof. The aggregate maximum of liquidated damages payable to the Client under this clause shall be subject to a maximum of 10% of the total contract fees.

10. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACCURACY OF PROJECT DOCUMENTS

- 10.1 The Consultant shall be responsible for accuracy of the reports and all other documents/details prepared by him as part of these services. He shall indemnify the client against any inaccuracy in the work, which might surface during implementation of the project. The Consultant will also be responsible for correcting, at his own cost and risk, the drawings including any re-survey/ investigations and correcting layout etc. if required during the execution of the Services.
- 10.2 The Consultant shall be fully responsible for the accuracy of reports. The Consultant shall indemnify the Client against any inaccuracy / deficiency in the reports noticed and the Client will bear no responsibility for the accuracy of the reports/documents submitted by the Consultant.

11. REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND DISCLAIMER

- 11.1 The Consultant represents and warrants to the Client that:
- (i) it is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the applicable laws of its Country;
 - (ii) it has full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Contract and to carry out the transactions contemplated hereby
 - (iii) it has taken all necessary corporate and other action under Applicable Laws and its constitutional documents to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of this Contract;
 - (iv) it has the financial standing and capacity to undertake the Contract;
 - (v) this Contract constitutes its legal, valid and binding obligation enforceable against it in accordance with the terms hereof;
 - (vi) it is subject to laws of India with respect to this Contract and it hereby expressly and irrevocably waives any immunity in any jurisdiction in respect thereof;
 - (vii) there are no actions, suits, proceedings, or investigations pending or, to the Consultant's knowledge, threatened against it at law or in equity before any court or before any other judicial, quasi-judicial or other authority, the outcome of which may

result in the breach of or constitute a default of the Consultant under this Contract or materially affect the discharge by the Consultant of its obligations under the Contract.

- (viii) no representation or warranty by the Consultant contained herein or in any other document furnished by it to the Client contains or will contain any untrue statement of material fact or omits or will omit to state a material fact necessary to make such representation or warranty not misleading; and
- (ix) no sums, in cash or kind, have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the Consultant, to any person by way of fees, commission or otherwise for securing the Contract or for influencing or attempting to influence any officer or employee of the Client in connection therewith.

12. **RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES**

- 12.1 This Contract shall be governed by and be construed and interpreted in accordance with Indian law and subject to Clause 12.2 below, the courts of Delhi, India shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all matters arising out of or relating to this Contract.
- 12.2 If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever arises between the Parties in connection with or arising out of or relating to or under this Contract, including disputes related to its validity, interpretation, breach or termination (“**Dispute**”), the Parties shall promptly and in good faith negotiate with a view to its amicable resolution and settlement.
- 12.3 In the event no amicable resolution or settlement is reached within a period of 30 (thirty) days from the date on which the Party raising the Dispute notifies the same to the other Party, either Party may refer such Dispute for arbitration.
- 12.4 The arbitral tribunal shall consist of a sole arbitrator appointed by mutual agreement of the Parties. In case of failure of the Parties to mutually agree on a sole arbitrator, the arbitral tribunal shall consist of three arbitrators. Each of the Client and the Consultant shall appoint one arbitrator and the two arbitrators so appointed shall jointly appoint the third arbitrator.
- 12.5 The seat of arbitration shall be Delhi and the arbitration shall be conducted in the English language.
- 12.6 The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 shall govern the arbitral proceedings. The Parties shall use their reasonable efforts to facilitate the conduct of the arbitration proceedings in an expeditious manner and the award rendered by the arbitral tribunal shall be final and binding on the Parties.
- 12.7 In case of a sole arbitrator, the costs and expenses of the sole arbitrator shall be shared equally between the Parties and in case the arbitral panel consists of three arbitrators, each Party shall bear the cost of the arbitrator appointed by it and the costs of the third/presiding arbitrator shall be shared equally between the Parties, provided that the arbitral tribunal shall have the power to make an order in respect of costs.
- 12.8 The Parties agree that nothing contained herein shall restrict or impair the power of the arbitral panel to make an award in respect of the costs and expenses of the arbitral proceedings and the apportionment thereof.

- 12.9 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this Contract, the Parties agree that any Dispute involving claims exceeding Rs. 10,00,00,000 (Rupees ten crores) shall not be resolved through arbitration but shall be adjudicated by the jurisdictional courts.

13. MISCELLANEOUS

13.1 Reporting Obligations

The Consultants shall submit to the Client the reports and documents specified in TOR, in the numbers, and within the periods set forth in this contract. All reports to be vetted by a Nodal Agency (which will be notified by the Client) beforehand.

13.2 Assignment and Charges

- a) The Contract shall not be assigned by the Consultant save and except with prior consent in writing of the Client, which the Client shall be entitled to decline without assigning any reason whatsoever.
- b) The Client shall, from time to time, be entitled to assign any rights, interests and obligations under this Contract to third parties.

13.3 Indemnity

- 13.3.1 The Consultant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Client from and against any and all claims, actions, proceedings, lawsuits, demands, losses, liabilities, damages, fines or expenses (including interest, penalties, attorneys' fees and other costs of defence or investigation to the extent related to or arising out of, whether directly or indirectly:

- 1 the breach by the Consultant of any obligations under this Contract;
- 2 the alleged negligent, reckless or otherwise wrongful act or omission of the Consultant including professional negligence or misconduct of any nature whatsoever in relation to Services rendered to the Client;
- 3 death or bodily injury to any person (including any third party attributable to any act, omission, breach, default or negligence of the Consultant or any personnel of the Client) or loss of or damage to any property of the Client or any third party (collectively "**Indemnified matter**")

- 13.3.2 As soon as reasonably practicable after the receipt by the Client of a notice of the commencement of any action by a third party, the Client will notify the Consultant of the commencement thereof; provided, however, that the omission so to notify shall not relieve the Consultant from any liability which it may have to the Client or the third party. The obligations to indemnify and hold harmless, or to contribute, with respect to losses, claims, actions, damages and liabilities relating to the Indemnified Matter shall survive till the final resolution of all claims for indemnification and/or contribution.

- 13.3.3 The foregoing provisions are in addition to any rights which the Client may have at common law, in equity or otherwise.

13.4 Waiver

- a) Waiver by either Party of any default by the other Party in the observance and performance of any provision of or obligations or under the Contract:
 - (i) shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any other or subsequent default hereof or of other provisions or obligations under the Contract;
 - (ii) shall not be effective unless it is in writing and executed by a duly authorized representative of such Party; and
 - (iii) shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the Contract in any manner.
- b) Neither the failure by either Party to insist on any occasion upon the performance of the terms, conditions and provisions of the Contract or any obligation hereunder nor time or other indulgence granted by a Party to the other Party shall be treated or deemed as waiver of such breach or acceptance or any variation or the relinquishment of any such right hereunder.

13.5 Communication

13.5.1 Communications

- 1 All communications under the Contract shall be served by the parties to each other in writing, in the Contract's language, and must be sent by hand, reputed pre-paid commercial courier, registered post or by facsimile.
- 2 The communication shall be deemed to be delivered
 - (i) if personally delivered, when delivered,
 - (ii) 3 (three) days after dispatch if sent within India by courier and five (5) days after dispatch if sent internationally by courier,
 - (iii) 7 (seven) days after mailing, if sent by registered post, postage prepaid and
 - (iv) if sent by facsimile, when successfully transmitted (with electronic evidence of receipt).
- 3 No communication shall amount to an amendment of the terms and conditions of the Contract, except a formal letter of amendment of the Contract expressly so designated.
- 4 Such communications would be an instruction, a notification, an acceptance, a certificate from the Client, or a submission or a notification from the Consultant. A notification or certificate required under the Contract must be communicated separately from other communications.

13.5.2 Persons signing the Communications

For all purposes of the Contract, including arbitration, thereunder all communications to the other party shall be signed by:

- 1 **On behalf of the Consultant:** The person who has signed the Contract on behalf of the Consultant shall sign all correspondences. A person signing communication in respect of the Contract or purported to be on behalf of the Consultant, without disclosing his authority to do so, shall be deemed to warrant that he has authority to bind the Consultant. If it is discovered at any time that the person so signing has no authority to do so, the Client reserves its right, without prejudice to any other right or remedy, to terminate the Contract for default in terms of the Contract and/ or avail any or all the remedies thereunder and hold such person personally and/ or the Consultant liable to the Client for all costs and damages arising from such misdemeanours.
- 2 **On behalf of the Client:** Unless otherwise stipulated in the Contract, the Contract Manager or any other authorized officer shall administer the Contract and sign communications on behalf of the Client. Paying Authorities mentioned in the Contract shall also administer respective functions during Contract Execution.
- 3 **Address of the parties for sending communications by the other party:** For all purposes of the Contract, including arbitration, thereunder, the address of parties to which the other party shall address all communications and notices shall be:
 - (i) The Consultant's address as mentioned in the Contract, unless the Consultant has notified change by a separate communication containing no other topic to the Client. The Consultant shall be solely responsible for the consequence of an omission to notify a change of address in the manner aforesaid, and
 - (ii) The Client's address shall be the one mentioned in the Contract. The Consultant shall also send additional copies to officers of the Client presently dealing with the Contract.
 - (iii) In case of communications from the Consultant, copies of communications shall be marked to the Contract Manager and the Client's officer signing the Contract and as relevant to the Client. Unless specified before the Contract's start, the Client and the Consultant shall notify each other if additional copies of communications are to be addressed to additional addresses

13.5.3 Severability

If for any reason whatever any provision of the Contract is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable or is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction or any other instrumentality to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality or enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected in any manner, and the Parties will negotiate in good faith with a view to agreeing upon one or more provisions which may be substituted for such invalid, unenforceable or illegal provisions, as nearly as is practicable. Provided failure to agree upon any such provisions shall not be subject to dispute resolution under the Contract or otherwise.

13.6 No Partnership

Nothing contained in the Contract shall be construed or interpreted as constituting a partnership between the Parties. Neither Party shall have any authority to bind the other in any manner whatsoever.

13.7 Language of the Contract

This Contract has been executed English, which shall be binding and controlling language for all matters relating to the meaning or interpretation of this Contract. However, the language of any printed literature furnished by a Consultant may be written in any other language provided a certified translation accompanies the same in English. For purposes of interpretation, English translation shall prevail.

13.8 The Entire Contract

This Contract and its documents (*Contract Documents and Precedents*) constitute the entire Contract between the Client and the Consultant and supersede all other communications, negotiations, and Contracts (whether written or oral) of the Parties made before the date of this Contract. No agent or representative of either Party has the authority to make, and the Parties shall not be bound by or be liable for, any statement, representation, promise or Contract not outlined in this Contract.

13.9 Relationship between the Parties

13.9.1 The Parties to the Contract are the Consultant and the Client, as nominated in the Contract.

13.9.2 Nothing contained herein shall be construed as establishing a relationship in the nature of master and servant or principal and agent between the Client and the Consultant.

13.9.3 The Consultant, subject to this Contract, is legally the main principal/ master of the Experts and Sub-Consultants, if any, performing the Services and shall be fully responsible for the Services performed by them or on their behalf hereunder.

13.9.4 Authority of Lead Member: In case the Consultant is a Joint Venture, the members hereby authorize the member specified in the Contract to act on their behalf in exercising all the Consultant's rights and obligations towards the the Client under this Contract, including without limitation the receiving of instructions and payments from the Client.

13.9.5 Authorised Representative: Any action required or permitted to be taken and any document required or permitted to be executed under this Contract by the Client or the Consultant may be taken or executed by the officials specified in the Contract.

13.9.6 Good Faith: The Parties shall act in good faith concerning each other's rights under this Contract and adopt all reasonable measures to ensure the realization of the objectives of this Contract. The Consultant shall always act, in respect of any matter relating to this Contract or the Services, as a faithful adviser to the Client and shall at all times support and safeguard the Client's legitimate interests in any dealings with the third parties.

13.10 Exclusion of Implied Warranties etc.

The Contract expressly excludes any warranty, condition or other undertaking implied at law or by custom or otherwise arising out of any other Contract between the Parties or any representation by any Party not contained in the Contract.

13.11 Contract to Override Other Contracts

The Contract supersedes all previous Contracts or arrangements between the Parties (except any Contracts or arrangements which form part of this Contract), including any memorandum of understanding entered into in respect of the contents hereof and represents the entire understanding between the Parties in relation thereto.

13.12 Survival

Limitation of Liability (Clause 2.5.7), Confidentiality (Clause 3.3), Indemnity (Clause 13.3), Governing Law (Clause 5 of the Cover Agreement) and Dispute Resolution (Clause 12), and any other provisions of this Contract which have been expressly stated to or which by their nature should survive the termination or expiry of this Contract, shall survive any termination or expiry of this Contract. Further, any termination or expiry of this Contract shall be without prejudice to the rights and obligations of the Parties under law or any rights accrued prior to the date of such termination or expiry.

13.13 Counterparts

The Contract may be executed in 2 [two] counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall constitute an original of the Contract.

3. Format 3: Special Conditions of Contract (SCC)

The Clause numbers referenced below correspond to the respective Clauses in the GCC. Each SCC is intended to supplement and modify the corresponding GCC Clause

GCC Clause	Amendments of, and Supplements to, Clauses in General Conditions of Contract
1.5	The following shall be the Authorized Representative: For the Client (i.e., the Contract Manager): <u>[to be inserted by the Client]</u> For the Consultant: <u>[to be inserted by the Client]</u>
2.1	The Effective Date under Clause 2.1 of the GCC shall be: <u>[To be inserted by the Client]</u>
2.3	The following shall be added in Clause 2.3 of the GCC: The initial term of the Contract shall, unless terminated earlier, expire on the date that is 6 (six) months from the Effective Date. The Consultant agrees and acknowledges that the Client may at its sole discretion, not less than 30 (thirty) days prior to the end of the said period, as applicable, notify the Consultant of an extension of the term of this Contract. The Client may, without prejudice to its rights and remedies under this Contract and under law, extend the period of this Contract.
2.5.7	The following shall be added in Clause 2.5.7 of the GCC: (a) In any event, neither Party shall be liable for any special, incidental, punitive, exemplary or consequential damages arising out of or in connection with the Contract entered between the Parties. (b) The aggregate liability of either Party, whether under the Contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total Contract Value, provided that this limitation shall not apply to: (i) Any obligation or claim arising out of or in connection with any third-party claim of IPR infringement; and; (ii) In the event of any gross negligence or willful misconduct on part of either Party, as finally judicially determined by a court of competent jurisdiction. (c) This limitation of liability shall not affect the Consultant's liability, if any, for damage to third parties (i.e. any person other than the Client or the Consultant) caused by the Consultant or any person or firm acting on behalf of the Consultant (including Sub-Consultants and Personnel) in carrying out the Services, including by way of indemnity to the Client.
2.5.5	The following provisions shall be added as Clause 2.5.5 of the GCC:

	The Consulting agency will furnish within fifteen (15) days of the issue of Letter of Acceptance (LOA), an unconditional and irrevocable bank guarantee as Performance Security in the format given below, equivalent to 5 (five) percent of the total cost of Financial Proposal from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank.
3.6	The risks and the coverage shall be as follows: - Third Party motor vehicle liability insurance as required under Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 in respect of motor vehicles operated in India by the Consultant or its Personnel or any Sub Consultants or their Personnel for the period of consultancy. - Third Party liability insurance with a minimum coverage, for ₹ 10,00,000/ (Rupees Ten Lakh) for the period of consultancy. - Professional Liability Insurance - The Consultant will maintain at its expense Professional Liability Insurance including coverage for errors and omissions caused by Consultant's negligence, breach in the performance of its duties under this Contract from an Insurance Company permitted to offer such policies in India and included in the list of General Insurers (Non-Life) approved by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) , for the term of the contract, commencing from the Commencement Date, for an amount not less than the Contract Price. The Client shall be designated as a beneficiary in the professional liability insurance procured by the Consultant. In the event the Consultant does not intend to procure a separate professional liability insurance policy in respect of this Contract, the Consultant's general professional liability insurance policy shall procure endorsement of Client's name as a beneficiary for an amount not less than the Contract Price. The Consultant shall submit the entire policy document for the Professional Liability Insurance. The indemnity limit in terms of "Any One Accident" (AOA) and "Aggregate limit on the policy period" (AOP) should not be less than the amount stated in the Contract. - Employer's liability and workers' compensation insurance shall be in respect of the Personnel of the Consultant in accordance with the relevant provisions of Applicable Law, as well as, with respect to such personnel, any such life, health, accident, travel or other insurance as may be appropriate; and all insurances and policies should start from the date of commencement of Services and remain effective as per relevant requirements of Contract. - Any other insurance that may be necessary to protect the Client, its employees and its assets (against loss, damage or destruction, at replacement value) including rioting and all Force Majeure Events that are insurable.
6.3.1	The contract price payable in Indian Rupees is Rs. _____/- (exclusive of GST).

4. Format 4: Format for Performance Security

(The Bank Guarantee shall be on a Stamp Paper of appropriate value in accordance with Stamp Act and shall be purchased in the name of the guarantee issuing Bank or the Party on whose behalf the BG is being issued.)

Bank Guarantee No.....

Date.....

To
CEO & Managing Director,
National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation
8th Floor, Tower-1, LIC, Jeevan Bharti Building
Connaught Place, New Delhi

Whereas M/s.....with its Registered/ Head Office at..... (name and address of the Consultant, hereinafter called “the Consultant”, which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors, administrators, executors and assigns) has undertaken, in pursuance of Contract no date..... to delivery (description of Services) (hereinafter called “the Contract”).

And Whereas you (unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, including your successors, administrators, executors and assigns) have stipulated in the said Contract that the Consultant shall furnish you with a bank guarantee by a Commercial bank for the sum specified therein as security for compliance with its obligations as per the Contract;

And Whereas we with our Head Office at..... (name and address of the Bank, hereinafter referred to as the ‘Bank’, which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors, administrators, executors and assigns) have agreed to give the Consultant such a bank guarantee.

Now, Therefore, we hereby affirm that we are guarantors and responsible to you, on behalf of the Consultant, up to a total of(amount of the guarantee in words and figures), and we undertake to pay you, upon your first written demand declaring the Consultant to be in default under the Contract and without cavil or argument, any sum or sums within the limits of (amount of guarantee) as aforesaid, without your needing to prove or to show grounds or reasons for your demand or the sum specified therein, notwithstanding any difference between you and the Consultant or any dispute pending before any Court, Tribunal, Arbitrator or any other authority.

We hereby waive the necessity of your demanding the said debt from the Consultant before presenting us with the demand.

The Bank undertakes not to revoke this guarantee during its currency without your previous consent and further agrees that the guarantee herein contained shall continue to be enforceable till you discharge this guarantee. This guarantee will not be discharged due to a change in the constitution of the Bank or the Consultant's.

We further agree that no change or addition to or other modification of the terms of the Contract to be performed thereunder or of any of the Contract documents which may be made between you and the

Consultant shall in any way release us from any liability under this guarantee, and we hereby waive notice of any such change, addition, or modification.

This guarantee shall be valid until theday of20.....

Our.....branch at.....*(Name & Address of the*(branch) is liable to pay the guaranteed amount depending on the filing of a claim and any part thereof under this Bank Guarantee only and only if you serve upon us at our* branch a written claim or demand and received by us at our* branch on or before Dt..... otherwise, the bank shall be discharged of all liabilities under this guarantee after that.

(Signature of the authorized officer of the Bank)

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Name and designation of the officer

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Seal, name & address of the Bank and address of the Branch

**Preferably at the authority's headquarters competent to sanction the expenditure for procurement of goods/Services or at the concerned district headquarters or the state headquarters.*

Bidder's Compliance Declaration Matrix / Checklist

(Non-compliance with any of the key terms and conditions listed below may lead to rejection of the bid at any stage of evaluation.)

- Name of the bidder Firm/Agency and Address
- Phone/ Mobile No. & Email Id
- Bank account details (*a copy of a cancelled cheque is required to be submitted*)

Sr. No.	Description of Documents	Submitted (Yes/ No)	Page Number(s) of the Submitted Document	RFP Clause No
1	HARD Copies of Bid Security/Proof of Online Transfer received on or before Bid Due Date (Bid Security shall be valid for a period of 45 days beyond the bid validity period, reckoned from the Bid published Date)			
2	Hard copy of the Power of Attorney (executed on Stamp Paper)			
3	Copy of Certificate of Incorporation / Commencement of Business / Memorandum and Articles of Association Certificate issued by the Statutory Authorities.			
4	Letter from the authorized representative on applicant's letter head mentioning that the firm has been operating for last ten years in India, with list of their offices in India.			
5	Blacklisting /No conviction (A self-certified and duly notarized undertaking on Rs. 100 Non-Judicial Stamp Paper.)			
6	Average Annual Turnover (Copies of Turnover Certificate/ Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss statement duly certified by Chartered Accountant) Declaration with details: The Applicant should have positive net worth as per last audited financial accounts.			
7	Work Experience Requirements (Criteria 1 & 2) Documentary proof satisfying the qualification criteria shall be submitted along with project completion certificate and calculation for project cost.			
8	CVs of Key Personnel as per the prescribed format in the RFP			
9	Executive Summary			
10	Section 1 - Specific experience of the firm(s) related to this assignment.			
11	Section 2 - Proposed technical approach & methodology, work plan and organization/staffing.			
12	Section 3 - Qualification, experience and competence of the Key Personnel			
13	HR Certificate confirming that the proposed Team Expert are on bidder's payroll			
14	Form 4A: Pre-Qualification Proposal Submission Form			
15	Form 4B: Format for Pre-Qualification Proposal (Eligible Projects) Project Specific Experience			
16	Form 4C: Format for Pre-Qualification Proposal (Average Annual Turnover of Applicant)			
17	Form 4D: Format for Power of Attorney for Authorised representative			
18	Form 4E (I): Format of Bank Guarantee for Bid Security			
19	Form 4E (II): Format of Bid Security Declaration			
20	Form 4F: Technical Proposal Submission Form			
21	Form 4G: Description of Approach, Methodology and Work Plan for Performing the Assignment			

22	Form 4H: Team Composition and Task Assignments			
23	Form 4I: Curriculum Vitae (CV) for Proposed Professional Staff (with one page of summary of experience)			
24	Form 4J: Authorization to attend pre-Proposal Conference			
25	Form 4K: Disclosure of Prior Engagements with NICDC			

I/We hereby certify that the Bid Document (Bid Document No. _____ dated _____) has been carefully read, examined, and fully understood, and that all the terms, conditions, instructions, and provisions contained therein are unconditionally accepted and agreed to be complied with.

It is further undertaken that all documents have been submitted in accordance with the requirements of the respective sections of the RFP, separately, with a separate bunch of papers for each qualification criterion. Documents pertaining to Pre-Qualification (PQ), Technical Eligibility, and Financial Proposal have been clearly identified, properly segregated, and submitted under separate and appropriately titled headings. Each document has been explicitly indicated as relating to PQ eligibility, Technical Eligibility, or Financial Proposal, as applicable. It is understood that any document found to be mixed, misclassified, or not submitted in the prescribed manner may be liable to be ignored, without any further reference.

It is confirmed that all the required documents have been duly uploaded online on the GeM Portal within the stipulated time. It is further confirmed that the same set of documents, in hard copy, has also been submitted before the bid submission end date at the NICDC office located at 17th Floor, Hindustan Times House, 18–20, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi – 110001.

I/We certify that the information furnished in the bid documents is true, correct, and complete, and that no material information has been concealed or misrepresented.

Signature of the Authorized Person:

Place:

Name of the Authorized Person:

Date:

Name of the Firm/agency:

Seal of the Firm/Agency