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<u>S.no</u>	<u>Clause Description</u>	<u>Details of Item per Tender Requirement</u>	<u>Query/ Suggestion</u>	<u>Clarifications</u>
M/s TATA Consulting Engineers Private Limited				
1	Clause II Page 25	II. Financial Proposal Content Financial proposal must be submitted in the form of all the duly signed forms as per Section 3 of RFP i.e. Technical Proposal-Standard Forms . All amounts quoted in the financial proposal forms must be in Indian Rupees.	Please clarify whether “ Technical Proposal-Standard Forms ” to be read as “ Financial Proposal-Standard Forms ”.	Pl refer Addendum-III.
2	Marking Methodology: Pages 28 & 29	Marking methodology to include normalization of technical and commercial scores:	Kindly review the Evaluation scores formulae and modify the same as in QCBS procedure, which is as under: Total points (S) = T (w) x T (s) + F (w) x LEC / EC , where T (w) stands for weight of the technical score (70%). T (s) stands for technical score of the Bidder. F (w) stands for weight of the financial proposal (30%). EC stands for Evaluated Cost of the financial proposal of the Bidder. LEC stands for Lowest Evaluated Cost of the financial proposal.	Tender Condition Prevails
3	Clause 13. Page 33	Payment Schedule	Please confirm that all stages of Payment will be paid on	Tender Condition Prevails

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			<u>Pro-rata basis on the No. of Major Ports.</u>	
4	Key Deliverables and timeframe Pg. No 31	Complete survey of transmission pipelines and preparation of 'L' Section drawings showing location/routing of the pipelines.	We request you please confirm the extent of survey to be carried out in Kms. as part of scope	100 km per port be considered as the extent of L-section survey required in the quotation. If it exceeds, no payment will be made.
5	Key Deliverables and timeframe Pg. No 32	As per requirement or Standard Process	We request you please indicate the time frame to be considered for both item No 3 & 4 of Key Deliverables and timeframe	Time frame for: Item 3, preparing detail cost estimate technical and commercial specification and tender document – 15 days Item 4 - Financial Advisory and Bid process management – 45 days) Pl refer Addendum-III
6	General		We request you please confirm the extent of geotechnical investigation to be carried out as part of scope.	Yes
7	General		We request you to consider the maximum Liability under this Consultancy contract shall be limited to 10% of the Consultancy Contract amount.	Tender Condition prevails.
8	General		Kindly furnish the project details/ extend of project reports / surveys/ field investigation details available for 12 Major Ports.	Details will be furnished for the selected consultant.
9	General		We request you to give us at least	Pl refer Addendum-II

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			three weeks time for submission of bid from date of receipt of pre-bid clarifications.	
M/s Almondz Global Securities Limited				
10	General Query	Transaction Advisor/ Financial Modeller (1 No) : Graduate in Engineering and Post graduate/ MBA	We request the authority to kindly change this requirement to “Post graduate in Management / MBA/ CA”	Pl refer Addendum-III
11	General Query	Addition of Legal Expert	Since the scope consists of drafting of tender documents , etc we request the authority to kindly include a Legal Expert as an expert with the following criteria: Education – Graduate in Law Total Experience – 10 Years Experience on eligible assignments - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience in drafting contractual agreements and other related documents/agreements • Successful preparation of documents for PPP projects with either a LOI has been issued to the preferred bidder or Concession Agreement executed. 	Tender Conditions prevails.

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12	General Query	The Key Personnel shall be deployed on full time basis and must be full time employee(s) of the firm.	This condition is very restrictive as some experts are usually hired on project basis thus, we request the authority to drop this condition of full time employees.	Tender Condition prevails.
13	General Query	Total Project Cost / Budget	We request the authority to kindly mention the Total Project Cost or the budget for this project.	The consultant shall study the extent of work involved and quote for the consultancy assignment.
14	General Query	Duration	We request the authority to kindly mention the duration / time-period of the assignment.	Please refer clarification to point 30 PI refer Addendum-III
15	General Query	Drawings in DPR	We request the authority to clarify whether drawings are to be submitted in the DPR work.	Yes. The successful consultant has to submit the drawings along with the DPR work
16	General Query	Joint Venture Consortium/Association	<p>We request the authority to kindly allow Joint Venture / Consortium/Association so as to ensure wider participation and healthy competition.</p> <p>In a similar case National Mission for Clean Ganga while empanelling the consultants, permitted Joint Venture / Consortium / Association.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of members in a Joint Venture/ consortium/ Association shall not exceed 2(two). • Both members should have relevant experience • The members do hereby undertake to be jointly and severally responsible for all obligations and liabilities relating to the Consultancy and in accordance with the terms of the RFP and the Contract, for the

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				performance of the Contract. Pl refer Addendum-III
17	General Query	Composite Score of the Bidders	We request the authority to clearly explain with an illustration the working of the composite score.	Composite score is explained on page no 29.
18	General Query	Payment	We request the authority to make stage wise pro-rata payment for all the 12 projects.	Tender Condition prevails.
19	General Query	Date Extension	We request the authority to kindly extend the due date by 3 weeks.	Pl refer addendum –II
M/s Bluestream Infrastructure Development Consultant Pvt. Ltd.				
20	Section 1 (Instructions to Consultants), point (n)	As per the definition “Sub-Consultant” means any person or entity with whom the Consultant subcontracts any part of the Assignment/job.	We understand that the subcontracting is allowed. Please clarify the amount of work allowed for subcontracting.	Sub-contracting is not allowed.
21	Clause 13.3	The original and all copies of the Technical Proposal (along with 2 soft copies in word and PDF format in CD or Pen-drive) shall be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked “TECHNICAL PROPOSAL”	Please clarify the number of hard Copies required in submission i.e. Original + one copy + 2 softcopies Or Original + 2 softcopies	Only one original hardcopy and 2 softcopies in CD/pen drive should be submitted in the form of bid. The financial proposal must be in the form of hardcopy only.
22	Financial Criteria Page No 23	Financial Criteria: The Consultant should have positive Net Worth.	Please clarify whether the net worth certificate is required. If so, the net worth certificate should be of presiding year or current year?	CA certificate should be attached. Net worth certificate should be taken for the year 2015-16.
23	Clause 10, Page No 29	Composite Score of the Bidders It is mentioned in Note that Consultant shall be submitted the self-evaluation sheet as per above criteria along with Technical Proposal with proper page numbering for supporting documents.”	We understand that bidders have to submit the self-evaluation sheet to come up with the technical score (Say ‘minimum 60 marks) as per the Technical experience sought in the technical criteria. Please clarify.	Self evaluation sheet is required for clause 10.1.2 towards the criteria specified. The approach and methodology will be exclusively evaluated by the IPA. So also the self evaluation will be

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				checked by IPA from the certificates produced.
24	Section 2 (Terms of Reference) Page no 19, point (4)	It is mentioned in the TOR that “Exploring the option of collecting and using sewage from the places in the vicinity of the ports.”	We understand that the consultant also has to explore the option of collecting and using sewage from the nearby cities and towns to the port areas. Please clarify.	In cases where the port is deficit in water and can use the treated sewage of the nearby cities within 20 Km radius then the same shall be investigated as one of the source.
25	Estimation		Which Schedule of rate will be applicable for this project?	The schedule of rate of concerned state applicable to the area shall be followed. For the items which are not in SoR, the rate analysis based on the market rates of the cities in the vicinity be carried out.
26	Financial Proposal	Consultancy charges/ Fees	We understand that the consultancy charges/ fees are inclusive of Remuneration and out of pocket expenses of the consultant. Please clarify.	Yes. The consultancy charges/ fees are inclusive of Remuneration and out of pocket expenses of the consultant.
27	Technical Proposal – Other Undertakings Point No 1, page no. 39	It is mentioned that “An undertaking stating that firm/organization is not blacklisted by Government or its agencies including Central/State Level Public Enterprises.” has to be provided by the consultant.	We request you to please provide us the format for Undertaking.	Undertaking will be given on the plain paper mentioned under section 3)
28	Technical Proposal – Other Undertakings Point No 4, page no. 39	It is mentioned that “An undertaking regarding non-disclosure/sharing of confidential information with third parties.” has to be provided by the consultant.	We request you to please provide us the format for Undertaking.	Undertaking will be given on the plain paper mentioned under section 3

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29		It is stated that, “The last date of online submission of Proposal is 21.12.2016	This tender requires lot of preparations for techno-commercial bid submission. Also, the tender submission preparation period is too short and hence we request you to please extend the date of submission by 20 days from the current date of submission.	Pl refer addendum –II. The last date of bid submission will be 10.01.2017
30	Key Deliverables and timeframe Page no. 30,31	It is stated that the completion time for “Feasibility study and preparation of Feasibility Report” is of 4 months and the completion time for “Detailed study and preparation of Detailed Project Report” is of 6 months	While performing Feasibility study and detailed study of all major 12 ports, lots of activities needs to be done which includes site visits and surveys, flow measurements, sewage quality testing, etc. this require more time. Therefore, considering the activities involved in the scope of work, we request you to amend the completion period by considerable time frame.	The time limit as proposed in the bid document is amended as below: 1. Feasibility Study and preparation of Feasibility Report - 4 months 2. Detailed study and preparation of DPR - 6 months. 3. preparing detail cost estimate technical and commercial specification and tender document – 15 days. 4 - Financial Advisory and Bid process management – 45 days Total Time of Completion(12 months) Pl refer Addendum-III
31	Objectives (a)	It is stated that the objective is to "obtain a better compliance to statutory provisions, international obligations and international best practices with the help of the	It may please be clarified that these Statutory provisions and international obligations and best practices are in respect of environmental obligations of port.	Tender Condition Prevails

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		consultant"	It may also be pinpointed that which aspects and parameters of environment and which all protocols, standards are to be checked for compliance. This will clearly outline the scope and thus will give you most competitive quote.	
32	Section 2 Terms of Reference (1)	It is stated that the status is to be assessed for 12 major ports	It is requested to please give us the names location and existing details of the ports	The names of the ports are: 1.Kandla (Gujrat), 2.JNPT (Maharashtra), 3.MbPT (Maharashtra), 4.Mormugao port (Goa), 5.NMPT (Karnataka), 6.Cochin Port (Kerala), 7.VoCPT (Tamil Nadu) 8.Chennai Port (Tamil Nadu) 9.Kamaraja Port (Tamil Nadu) 10.VPT (AP) 11.Paradip(Orissa) 12.KoPT (West Bengal)
33	General		It is requested to let us know what kind of help will be extended by IPA to the consultant, so that the individual port provides access to the port areas and facilities and allows the consultants to the information and data from them.	All the permission for visit will be provided by Individual Port.

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34	Time of Completion		The time period for the study for 12 major ports shall be minimum one year. It is requested to please confirm the same.	Please refer clarification to point 30.
35	Section 1 clause 12 Performance BG	Performance BG of 10% of the value of project awarded is asked for	10% is very high for consulting firms. We request you to keep it as 5%.	Tender Condition prevails.
36	Page 31 Detailed study and preparation of DPR,	Mapping the city and its waste water treatment facility and port location	Is it compulsory to do mapping the city even if the port location is far away from the respective cities and its feasibility? Clarifications required.	Please refer clarification to point 24
37	Water quality test reports	Aspects on water quality standards and authority	Who is the authority on water quality standards for different use / Normal limits? Whether respective state pollution control boards or IPA?	Respective state pollution control boards
M/s PWC Pvt. Ltd.				
38	Page 29	Note: Consultant shall be submitted the self-evaluation sheet as per above criteria along with Technical Proposal with proper page numbering for supporting documents.	Please clarify the meaning of this statement	Please refer clarification to point 23
39	Point No 12 /Page 30 & 31	Key Deliverables and timeframe	Please clarify if the time of completion in months are to be considered from the start date of the assignment. For e.g. the second deliverable Detailed study and DPR preparation- Should the time of completion be	Please refer clarification to point 30

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			read as 6 months after start of assignment or 6 months after submission of first deliverable	
40	Page 4	Schedule for receipt of application: Receipt of offers on or before 3.00 pm (1500 Hrs) on 21/12/2016	Request for giving at least 15 days' time from the date of issue of pre bid clarifications, for submission of proposal to allow us to submit a responsive bid.	Pl refer addendum –II The last date of bid submission will be 10.01.2017
41	Page 25	Evaluation of Proposal- The criteria for selection of the consulting firm would be based on Technical score (70 % weightage) and Financial score (30% weightage).	It is requested to consider reassigning the weightage from 70:20 to 80:20 (technical and financial)	Tender Condition prevails.
42	Page 26	Technical Criteria- Relevant experience of the key personnel	Request clarification for marks allotted for evaluation of each of the 5 key personnel. Are the 30 marks equally divided among the 5 key personnels or is there a differential marking?	Team Leader cum Design Engineer – 10 marks Transaction Advisor/ Financial Modeller – 7 marks Process Designer – 5 marks Sr. Consultant & Costing Engineer – 5 marks Quantity Surveyor – 3 marks
M/s Alia Consulting Solutions Pvt. Ltd.				
43	Page no. 32 Clause 12 Point - 3	Preparing Detailed cost estimate, technical and commercial specifications and tender documents: Project Duration: As per requirement or Standard Process	Kindly specify the exact or tentative project duration. This would help in better resource planning during tender proposal preparation.	Please refer clarification to point 30
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	Page no. 32 Clause 12 Point - 4	Financial Advisory and Bid Process Management: Project Duration: As per requirement or Standard Process	Kindly specify the exact or tentative project duration. This would help in better resource planning during tender proposal preparation	Please refer clarification to point 30
M/s Exceltech Consultancy and Projects Pvt Ltd				
44	General Query	Kindly mention the name of posts on which services of Feasibility Study and Transaction Advisory Services for Assessment of Reuse of Waste Water Requirement are to be rendered. Also mention type of activities are being executed at ports in which waste water is generating and activities in which fresh water is required are sought through RFP.		Please refer clarification to point 32
45	General Query	Kindly mention the quantity of effluents generated at each port seeking the services through RFP.		The consultant has to study this.
46	General Query	Kindly inform the types, capacity and status of existing treatment facilities at each port.		The consultant has to study this.
47	General Query	What is the effluent parameters of effluents in the above ports, weather all the ports are producing effluent of same nature or the effluent is of different nature? As per our understanding the nature of effluent shall be different depending upon the nature of goods handled at ports,		The consultant has to study this.

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		influent parameters.		
48	General Query	Treatability standards and effluent parameters for the waste treated in STP. What is the proposed used of waste water, clarify?		The consultant has to study this.
49	General Query	Kindly provide the international and national parameters of environment, which the IPA seeking to comply through the work.		Tender Condition Prevails
50	General Query	As per our understanding, the present water consumption level, quality and quantity of water generated from various ports is not precisely known to IPA. All the above sought activities in the RFP are unique in nature. The nature of effluent generated must be different at each Port. For developing the sought infrastructure and other facility need the preliminary study of each port. At this stage of filling the financial proposal is very based on very uncooked information. Therefore, any kind of financial proposal may either be much higher side or lower side. In both the cases the work output, economy and quality of work may suffer. Therefore, to make the work implementation flexible, the financial proposal should be in the form of % cost of project, instead of the quoting in the amount.		Tender Condition prevails.
M/s Voyants Solution Private Limited.				

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51	Section -2 (ToR) page 20/ 52	RFP Page. 20 , Scope	Kindly provide the following details for all the major ports to enable us assess quantum of work: - Water requirement (Present & Future) - Status & details of Present sewage collection system & treatment facilities. - Total Area of the ports	The consultant has to study this.
52	Section -2 (ToR) Sl. No c) page 20/ 52 Cost estimation and feasibility	RFP Page. 20, Block Cost estimate	It is understood that the responsibility of consultant is only to prepare block cost estimate, detailed design & estimate are not in the scope work.	Detail process and hydraulic designs to find the sizes of the reactors in STPs, TTPs and hydraulic designs to find the pipe line diameters etc are in the scope. The structural designs are however not in the scope of consultancy services.
53	Section -2 (ToR) Clause 12 page 32/52	RFP Page. 32, Deliverable and Time Frame	Kindly specify minimum 6 months time for deliverable stage-3 “Preparing detail Cost & technical & commercial Specifications and tender documents”	Please refer clarification to point 30
54	Section -2 (ToR) Clause 12 page 32/ 52	RFP Page. 32, Deliverable and Time Frame	Kindly specify minimum 3 months time for deliverable stage-4 “Financial advisory & Bid Process Management”	Please refer clarification to point 30
55	1 Submission date, Page 4/52	Invitation for proposal due date of receipts of bids is on or before 1500 hrs on 21 st Dec 2016	Due to considering scale of project, Request the client to extend the bid submission date up to January 10, 2016.	Pl refer addendum –II The last date of bid submission will be 10.01.2017

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M/s Ernst & Young LLP				
56	Page No 26 Table for Key professional	Team Leader cum design Engineer	Wastewater recycling with transaction advisory is one of its kind project in India. Considering the same, transaction experience for a team leader is important for successful closure of the project and hence we feel that the team leader should have relatively good PPP / transaction experience. Kindly Confirm.	Pl refer Addendum-III
57	Page No 26 Table for Key professional	Key Personnel	Considering that the Preparation of Bid document / Transaction on PPP basis is one of the key aspect for successful completion and meet objectives of this assignment , we would like to make a submission that the inputs of a procurement expert and a legal expert is crucial for preparation of bid documents of the highest quality. Kindly confirm	Tender condition prevails
58	Pg. 26 Table 10.1.2	Technical Criteria	Considering that the Preparation of Bid document / Transaction on PPP basis is one of the key aspect for successful completion and meet objectives of this assignment, we would request you to add the experience of transaction advisory also in the	Tender condition prevails

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			eligibility criteria. Kindly confirm.	
59	Page No 31, S.No 2./ Detail Study and Preparation of Detailed Project	Collecting data of waste water generated by town and port are, if it is un-sewered.....85% of the flow shall be measured	The scope pertaining to assessment of un-sewered flow is difficult to quantify. Hence we request you to limit the scope of study to sewer towns only. Kindly confirm.	Tender condition prevails. Please refer clarification to point 24.
60	Page No 32, S.No 2./ Preparation of detail cost estimate, tender documents and Bid process Management	Timelines	We would request you to quantify both the timelines to ensure that all the bidders are able to consider the total project period for the estimation of financial proposal. Kindly confirm.	Please refer clarification to point 30
61	Page No. 31 Key Deliverable and Time frame	Time frame for Feasibility Study and DPR	As per the RFP, the time frame for Feasibility Study Phase: 4 Months DPR Phase: 6 Months. We would request you to clarify whether the 6 months for DPR phase is from the start date of project or after completion of 4 months of Feasibility phase. Kindly confirm.	Please refer clarification to point 30
62	General	JV / Consortium	There is no mention of the JV / Consortium in the RFP document. We would request you to allow JV / Consortium. Kindly confirm.	Please refer clarification to point 16 Pl refer Addendum III.
M/s REPL				
63	Transaction Advisor/ Financial	Graduate in Engineering and Post	We request the authority to	Pl refer Addendum-III

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	Modeller (1 No) :	graduate/ MBA	kindly change this requirement to “Post graduate in Management / MBA/ CA”	
64	Addition of Legal Expert		<p>It is suggested that since the scope consists of drafting of tender documents , etc we request the authority to kindly include a Legal Expert as an expert with the following criteria:</p> <p>Education – Graduate in Law Total Experience – 10 Years Experience on eligible assignments -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience in drafting contractual agreements and other related documents/agreements • Successful preparation of documents for PPP projects with either a LOI has been issued to the preferred bidder or Concession Agreement executed 	Tender condition prevails
65	The Key Personnel shall be deployed on full time basis and must be full time employee(s) of the firm.		This condition is very restrictive as some experts are usually hired on project basis thus, we request the authority to drop this condition of full time employees.	Tender condition prevails
66	Total Project Cost / Budget		We request the authority to kindly mention the Total Project Cost or	Please refer clarification to point 13.

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			the budget for this project.	
67	Duration		We request the authority to kindly mention the duration / time-period of the assignment.	Please refer clarification to point 30
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72	Date Extension		We request the authority to kindly extend the due date by 3 weeks.	Pl refer addendum –II
73	QCBS Evaluation 70:30		As this is the design intensive work where quality and technical strength of consultant is required. Therefore we request to you to pls consider it	Tender condition prevails

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			as 80:20 evaluation.	
M/s Fortress Infrastructure Advisory Services				
74	General Query	Joint Venture / Consortium	We request you to allow the Joint Venture / Consortium of maximum 2 members. We also request you to consider the combined strength of all the JV/Consortium members for Eligibility and evaluation purpose.	Please refer clarification to point 16 Pl refer Addendum-III
75	Clause 11.1 Earnest Money Deposit (Pg.13)	An EMD of Rs. 1,00,000.00 (Rupee One lac only), in the form of Demand Draft(DD) drawn in favour of Indian Ports Association, payable at New Delhi	We request you allow the Applicant to submit the Bid Security of Rs.1,00,000/- in the form of Bank Guarantee . Kindly provide the specimen format of Bank Guarantee for submission.	Tender condition prevails
76	Clause 10.1.1 (Pg.26)	Technical Evaluation Criteria Minimum Technical Score	Kindly inform about the requirement of minimum technical score to qualify.	Please refer page no 29 “Only those Bidders who have secured Technical Score(X) of 60 or above shall be declared as qualified for evaluation of their ‘Financial Bid’. Bidders who have secured less than 60 for Technical Score shall be rejected.”
77	Clause 10.1.1 : Technical Evaluation Criteria (Pg.26)	Sr.No.1: Team Leader cum Design Engineer: (1No): Post Graduate in Civil Engineering with Environmental Engg. Subjects having 20 years of total experience.	We request you to reconsider the requirement of Team Leader as under : “Post-Graduation in Civil Engineering having 15 years of total experience”	Pl refer Addendum-III