

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SCREENING COMMITTEE FOR APPRAISAL OF MINUTES OF EVALUATION COMMITTEE REGARDING TECHNICAL BIDS FOR THE WORK OF "BALANCE WORK OF WIDENING TO TWO LANING/ RE-ALIGNMENT AND GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENT FROM KM11.000 TO KM 114.618 OF NH-44A IN THE STATE OF MIZORAM".

A meeting of Screening Committee (SC) for appraisal of the recommendation of Evaluation Committee (EC) with regard to Technical Evaluation of bids for the above-mentioned subject work was held on 24.01.2024 under the chairmanship of Chief Engineer (North East), MoRT&H in his chamber, Transport Bhawan, New Delhi.

2. At the very outset of the meeting CE (North East) welcomed the participants for screening of evaluation of bids done by EC. The minutes of EC were perused by the SC and following are noted:

2.1 The bids for the above-mentioned work amounting to Rs.132.42 crore (amount put to tender) was invited by Chief Engineer, Highways, Mizoram PWD, Aizawl, Mizoram vide Invitation for Bid (IFB) No. 2/IFB/SDB/CE-HW/2023-24 dt. 22.09.2023 and Pre-bid meeting was held at Chief Engineer, Highways, Mizoram PWD office, Aizawl, Mizoram on 29.09.2023, one bidder i.e., M/s ABCI Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. attended the Pre-Bid Meeting. The bids were opened on 26.10.2023. A total of 4 (four) bids were received by extended BDD of 25.10.2023 from the following bidders:

Sl. No.	Name of the Bidder
1	M/s SHRI BALAJI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, Dungarpur-314001, Rajasthan
2	M/s ABCI INFRASTRUCTURE PVT. LTD., Silchar-788001, Assam
3.	M/s HES INFRA PRIVATE LIMITED, Hyderabad-500081, Telangana
4.	M/s Bhavya Construction, Silchar-788001, Assam

2.2 The EC found that in case of M/s Bhavya Construction, the bidder did not submit Bid Security and other required documents physically as per IFB Cl. No. 5. Hence the bid of M/s Bhavya Construction was not considered for evaluation.

2.3 The EC observed that in case of M/s ABCI Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd., and M/s HES Infra Pvt. Ltd., the bidders did not submit undertaking for providing Machinery and Personnel as per Cl. 4.5.4 & 4.5.5 of ITB. Accordingly, clarification in this regard was sought from the bidders vide letter No. SARDP-12057/1/23/BW/CE-HW/PWD/26 dt. 14.11.2023 and vide letter No. SARDP-12057/1/23/BW/CE-HW/PWD/27 dt. 14.11.2023. The bidders submitted their clarifications vide letter dt. 16.11.2023 & dt. 14.11.2023 respectively.

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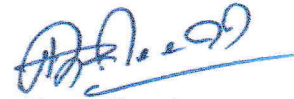
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the factor obtained by taking 7 months completion period as per IFB. Although, it has no effect on qualification scenario as evaluated by the EC, but it is not as per the IFB and the EC shall adhere with the provision of IFB.

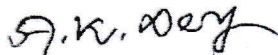
4. Based on the above, the SC found only 1 (One) bidder as **technically responsive** namely (i) **M/s SHRI BALAJI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** and hence it becomes the case of single tender on the first instance of bidding.
5. In the view of the above the SC recommends to **Annul** the present bidding process and request the **State PWD** to invite fresh bids for the work forthwith.
6. Meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair.



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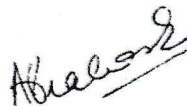
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2.4 Based on the documents along with clarifications placed before the EC, the EC examined the technical bid of the 3(three) bidders and the following 3(three) bidders are found to be technically qualified.

(i) M/s SHRI BALAJI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

(ii) M/s ABCI INFRASTRUCTURE PVT. LTD.

(iii) M/s HES INFRA PRIVATE LIMITED

3. The SC re-examined the evaluation details of all the Bidders as per RFP, as forwarded by the EC and SC found following discrepancies:

3.1 As per Cl. 4.5.4 of Instruction to Bidders (ITB), the bidders must have suitably qualified "Key Personnel" to be deployed as per Annexure-I. The EC noted that (i) M/s ABCI Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd., and (ii) M/s HES Infra Pvt. Ltd. had submitted incomplete and deficient list of Key Personnel with their respective bid. The EC has obtained necessary undertaking in this regard from these bidders and thereafter considered the bidders as technically responsive.

3.2 Similarly, as per Cl.4.5.5 of ITB, the bidders should own or have assured ownership of the Key Plant & Equipment to be deployed as per Annexure-II. But it is noted that these two bidders have submitted repeated list of Key Plant & Equipment and again EC has sought undertakings from these two bidders to this effect and thereafter has considered their bids responsive.

3.3 Such undertakings mentioned in para 3.1 & 3.2 were, however, observed by the representative of IFD as additional documents, which is not allowed. The SC agreed with the view of representative of IFD and therefore, the bids of these two bidders viz. (i) M/s ABCI Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd., and (ii) M/s HES Infra Pvt. Ltd. are found to be non-responsive on this count, as per Cl. 4.5.4 and Cl. 4.5.5 of ITB.

3.4 Apart from above, the SC observed that as per Cl. 4.5.9 of ITB only the works values of existing commitments and ongoing works to be completed during the next six months from BDD at current price level are to be taken as "B" for calculation of Bid Capacity. However, the EC has considered total commitments as on date, irrespective of their completion date as "B". This has resulted in consideration of reduced bid capacity for the bidders, however the same has no affect in the evaluation done by EC as the bidders qualifying with reduced value of "B" certainly qualifies if value of "B" is taken as per ITB. But, in future bidding the EC should essentially adhere with the relevant Clause of the ITB.

3.5 Similarly, SC has observed that the EC has wrongly considered the value of number of years prescribed for completion of the works i.e., the value of "N" in the calculation of bid capacity as 0.45 whereas it should have been 0.58 i.e.,

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