

TENDER CLARIFICATIONS (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS)

GTAC 008-2025-26: CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW CHANCERY AND OFFICIAL RESIDENCE IN NEW DELHI INDIA

This document sets out bid Clarifications as provided for in the bid document.

CLARIFICATIONS

The questions received have been consolidated and answered as per the table below:

Query 1:

Referred to above stated tender, we would request to kindly clarify in detail for:

1. The meaning/definition of similar work; what type of work does it include is any civil work executed in RCC framed structure either in (cast in situ) or through precast technology under Residential (Govt Qtrs, Hostel etc.) or institutional/commercial category considerable for eligibility of this tender? Needs clarification.

2. Please refer Form-B at P-26/of 32 /NIT (under para 1.9) wherein-in completion certificates for at least 3 completed projects as indicated in Para 6.1; are required to be attached whereas in Para 6.1, 2 works costing Rs 25.00 crore or 3 works costing 18 Crore or more have been specified for eligibility consideration. Is the bidder fulfilling desired eligibility of 2 works costing Rs 25.00 crore, also required to attach completion certificate of at least 3 completed projects or 2 completed works based on which he stands eligible? Needs clarification.

3. a) Please refer Para 9.1 (b, & c) which need clarification in light of or with regard to eligibility criteria mentioned in Para 6.1.

b) Whether Experience in construction works in sustainable green projects is required in all eligible completed works as per Para 6.1 or in any work. Please clarify.

c) Is completed works of similar nature specifically (Grade-A office building, 5 start Hostel Building) mandatory for this very tender or optional?

Response:

(1) The building will have the structural frame as cast in situ RCC. Similar work refers to Multistorey building such as Office Blocks, Hotels, Embassies. Multistorey Institutional/commercial will be considered.

(2) Bidders who submit reference and completion certificates for 2 completed projects of Rs 25.00 crores will be considered as indicated in Table 1 Responsive Criteria. Bidders are however encouraged to check the points allocation on Table 2A company experience on similar works.

(3a) Refer to response (2) above

(3b) Out of the 2 or 3 completed projects submitted by the bidder, one project should be a green building as indicated on Table 2A

(3c) Refer to response (1) above. The examples given in the document are the best comparison however bidders can submit completed projects such as Multistorey Embassies, Institutional and other commercial buildings that are comparable to our project.

Query 2:

You have mentioned some mandatory conditions such as works executed in last 5 years and annual financial turnover (Crores) in last 5 years. We have done construction of more than 40 High Commissions / Embassies in Chanakyapuri, New Delhi. The last Embassy done by us in Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia in the year 2018 which was of the tune of Rs. 2700 million, other Embassies works done by us are Embassy of United Arab Emirates, Ghana High Commission, Nigerian High Commission, Republic of Sudan, Belgium Embassy, Housing for British High Commission and Housing of Canadian High Commission etc. and many more, detailed in our attached Company Profile.

During Covid our turnover was less due to lockdowns, but our average turnover for the last 5 years meets your requirement.

So, kindly guide us whether you will consider our Company eligible to quote for this tender or not.

Response:

If the Embassies that you have completed fall within the last 5 years, the bidder is eligible. If your Average turnover meets the tender requirements, you will be considered

Query 3:

Built environment qualification is there a section where it is specified which qualification refers to built environment

Response:

The Built environment Qualifications can be any of the following: Architecture, Urban Planning, Real Estate/Property Development, Quantity Surveying, Civil Engineering, Structural Engineering, Construction Management, Project Management, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering

Query 4:

With reference to your advertisement to Bid for the proposed construction of the New Chancery and Official Residence in New Delhi, India, we would like to bring to your attention that we have completed a similar project for the Embassy of Finland in Chanakyapuri in August 2018.

We noted that the eligibility criteria in NIT requires completion of a minimum of two projects in the last 5 years. Kindly request you to confirm our eligibility for bidding based on our experience.

Response:

Bidders are to respond with projects completed within the last 5 years. Similar projects can be multistorey buildings such as Office Blocks, Hotels, Institutional buildings as indicated in the Bid Document.

Query 5:

1. BOQ in Excel format
2. Details required for preparation of the Bank Guarantee (EMD):
 - a) Name of the Beneficiary
 - b) Name of the Bank and Branch
 - c) Account Number and IFSC Code
 - d) In continuation to our trailing mail, we require verbiage of EMD.

Response:

(1) BoQ in Excel Format has been uploaded on the GTAC website. Bidders must note the excel BoQ is being shared for the purpose of expediting your pricing however bidders must price and submit the pdf BoQ as downloaded.

(2) Details for EMD are as follows:

Account Name: SOUTH AFRICAN HIGH COMMISSION

Bank Name: RATNAKAR BANK LTD (aka RBL)
Bank Address: 23 BASANT LOK MARKET, VASANT VIHAR, NEW DELHI-110057, INDIA
Bank Account Number: 409000671234
Bank Branch Number: 000182
Bank Branch Name: Vasant Vihar
IFSC Code: RATN0000182
SWIFT Number: RATNINBBXXX

Query 6:

We have downloaded complete set of tender documents from tender portal.
As per the condition of tender notice, bidder should have to pay Rs. 10,000/- as tender document cost and Tender document sale end time is 1100 Hrs on 06 June whereas it was mentioned that the bank details will be provided in project briefing session.

We Request you to give clarity whether bidder need to pay Rs. 10,000/- if, tender is download from web portal. If yes, please provide the bank details.
It is also requested that soft copy (excel format) of BOQ may be provided for ease of working.

Response:

The purchase of the Tender document is only applicable if bidders request hardcopies from the South African High Commission instead of downloading. If you have downloaded the document there is no payment required.

The soft copy (excel format) of BoQ has been uploaded on the GTAC and eTenders website. Please refer to the response on similar Query 5 above.

Query 7:

Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): We request the consideration of a fixed EMD amount instead of a variable percentage. A variable EMD (2% of the tender amount) may inadvertently reveal the estimated bid value during submission, affecting the confidentiality and competitiveness of the process.

We would be grateful for your guidance on this matter to ensure a fair and transparent bidding environment for all prospective bidders.

Response:

All bidders shall provide a Fixed EMD of 41 Lakhs (4 100 000 rupees).

Query 8:

We have downloaded the tender documents from the provided link. However, we kindly request the following additional documents and detail:

Details required for preparation of the Bank Guarantee (EMD):

- a) Name of the Beneficiary
- b) Name of the Bank and Branch
- c) Account Number and IFSC Code

Response:

Account Details for Guarantee

The Mission in New Delhi's Main Currency Account (USD) is:

BANKING DETAILS:

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Query 9:

Kindly consider the following points regarding the tender terms:

1. As per CPWD norms, the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) is 1% of the tendered amount. However, your tender specifies 2%. We request you to kindly review this in line with CPWD standards.
2. Similarly, the Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) as per CPWD guidelines is 5% of the contract value, whereas your tender document mentions 10%. We request reconsideration of this clause.
3. It is also noted that CPWD and other central government departments have begun accepting insurance surety bonds in place of traditional bank guarantees for EMD, performance security, and mobilization advance. Kindly confirm whether such instruments will be accepted for this tender.
4. Lastly, please provide the details of your designated bank for the preparation of the Earnest Money Guarantee: - a) Name of the Beneficiary, b) Name of Bank and Branch, c) Account Number and IFSC Code

Response:

1. The EMD query has been considered as per Query 7 above. All bidders are to submit a Fixed EMD of 41 Lakhs (4 100 000 rupees)
2. The Performance Guarantee will remain as 10%.
3. Bidders are to submit one of the two options requested in the Bid documents
4. Refer to response under query 5 & 8.