

## GOVERNMENT OF SINDH KARACHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



FEASIBILITY STUDY AND TRANSACTION ADVISORY SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MALIR EXPRESSWAY PROJECT PHASE I UNDER PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP MODE

RESPONSE DOCUMENT NO. I

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Unless expressly specified otherwise, all **capitalized terms** used herein shall bear the meaning ascribed thereto under the RFP Document.

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SR.	RFP REFERENCE	PROSPECTIVE BIDDER'S QUERY/ COMMENT	PROCURING AGENCY'S RESPONSE/ CLARIFICATION
SECTION II – INSTRUCTIONS TO CONSULTANTS (ITC)/ BID DATA SHEET (BDS)			
1.	ITC BDS Clause 9.2	We respectfully request a reduction of the bid security from 5% to 2%, as was stipulated in the previous RFP.	No change.
2.	ITC BDS Clause 16.4	We request an extension of the submission deadline, i.e., 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2024, for at least two weeks.	No change.
3.	ITC BDS Clauses ITC 18.1, 13.1, 6.1, 2.2	Please mention if evidence of No Non Performing Contracts and litigation history is required on Rs. 100 or Rs. 200 stamp paper.	Bidder may provide such details on its official letterhead.
4.	ITC BDS Clauses ITC 18.1, 13.1, 6.1, 2.2	Appendix E is missing from the RFP. Kindly provide.	Bidder to prepare and submit documents checklist or list as part of the Technical Proposal.
5.	ITC BDS Clause 18.1	Can ongoing projects be added as experience or should it be completed projects.	Refer to the notes provided along with the criteria related to the experience.
6.	ITC BDS Clause 18.1	Under the category of general experience and relevant experience of the technical evaluation criteria, bidders are required to provide details of infrastructure development projects. Presently, "infrastructure" under the technical evaluation includes projects related to "canals, dams, power generation, sewerage, drainage, bridge,	No change.

highway, motorways, communication, power, aviation, railroad, road, waste, tourism, urban development, water, civil works."

However, Schedule I of the Sindh Public Private Partnership Act, 2010 defines infrastructure sectors more comprehensively, encompassing a broader range of areas, such as "housing, social welfare, educational facilities, education services, health facilities, health services, agriculture, horticulture, and livestock facilities and services," etc.

As such, the current criteria which excludes other sectors of infrastructure as stated under Schedule I of the Sindh Public Private Partnership Act, 2010, is discriminatory, biased, discretionary, restrictive in nature and hence, in contradiction with the public procurement laws, which mandates that equal opportunities shall be provided to all bidder. Therefore, in light of the legal framework, it is requested that the definition of "infrastructure" within the technical evaluation criteria be expanded to align with all sectors as enumerated in the Sindh Public Private Partnership Act, 2010.