

Request for Expression of Interest for **Carrying Out Environmental and Social Impact Assessment of Integrated Gongri Hydropower Project and Jeri Pumped Storage Project**

Ref: NIT No. DGPC/PD/CMPD/66(i)/2024/326 dated February 19, 2024

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CLARIFICATION TO QUERIES

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Bid Submission and Evaluation			
1	SECTION-I: INSTRUCTIONS TO CONSULTANTS 11. EOI Proposals by a joint venture/consortium shall not be accepted. However, proposal from merged/acquired/subsidiary company shall be allowed using the credential of the holding company subject to providing key experts and backstopping services by the holding company. A proper structure of the company must be provided for evaluation.	We understand that association with a local company for this assignment is only possible if the local company is subcontractor. Can you confirm our understanding?	Subcontracting shall not be allowed.
		Is it possible for sister companies to form JV? Both entities would provide key staff and backstopping. The key staff would come from different legal entities, although from the same holding.	JV of sister companies shall be allowed subject to providing key experts and backstopping services by the holding company.
		We would appreciate clarification on whether a firm is permitted to engage another partner as a sub-consultant.	Subcontracting shall not be allowed.
2	SECTION II – EOI EVALUATION /SHORTLISTING CRITERIA D. In-house resources of technical staff in the Consultant firm (regular employees of the firm) with minimum 15 years of international	The following text occurs: “regular employees of the firm”. We have two associates who work for their own personal consultancies but regularly join us for projects, and in one case has even worked with our company on a highly relevant assignment in Bhutan (the Cumulative Impact Assessment for the Kuri-Gongri basin). We would, for obvious reasons, very	Bid provision shall prevail.



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	<p>experience. Please refer Clause 17.1 of the TOR for list of Key Experts to be included for this consulting services.</p>	<p>much prefer to offer you the best possible staff, rather than selecting less impressive CVs who are on our company's direct payroll.</p> <p>Could you please inform us of your exact approach on this issue? And, if your approach is that you will ONLY score "regular employees" as meeting the criteria – would it be permissible to enclose CVs of multiple candidates and make a choice of the most appropriate one at the bidding stage, if we are shortlisted for the assignment?</p>	

