

Clarifications to the queries received against RFP No: CO0028/2026 dated September 30, 2026 for carrying out Drone Based Topographical Survey and Mapping for Amochhu-I Hydropower Project

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SECTION II – INSTRUCTION TO CONSULTANTS				
1	ITB.5.1	Eligibility of Bidders: A Bidder shall be an incorporated legal entity or a Joint Venture (JV) of such entities under an existing agreement where joint venture bids are permitted. A Bidder, and all parties constituting the Bidder, shall have the nationality of any country, subject to the restrictions specified in ITB 7. A Bidder shall be deemed to have the nationality of a country if the Bidder is constituted, incorporated, or registered and operates in conformity with the provisions of the laws of that country. This criterion shall also apply to the determination of the nationality of the proposed Subcontractors for any part of the Contract.	Participation of International Bidders: Although the tender will be submitted by an internationally eligible bidder (Indian firm), they have requested us to represent them for submission of the tender, EMD and for logistical arrangements (if they happen to get the assignment). They are of the opinion that we can handle these non-technical chores more efficiently being local. They will be providing us with the Power of Attorney. So, our first query is - Is this permitted? Does the Indian bidder need to register with DGPC before submitting the bid?	No. As the tender has been invited through Domestic Competitive Bidding, the Bids to be submitted by a Bhutanese bidders/counterpart. However, participation through a Joint Venture with an international bidder is permitted, subject to the applicable requirements. Please refer to the amendment for further details.
2	ITB 25.2	Signing of Bids The original and all copies of the Bid shall be in indelible ink and shall be signed by a person/persons duly authorized by the Bidder with official seal as per the power of attorney.	Local Authorization & Signing Protocols: Can a local Bhutanese entity, acting under a legally binding Power of Attorney issued by the primary international bidder, sign the Integrity Pact (Form 3) and submit the bid documents on their behalf?	
SECTION III – BID DATA SHEET				
3	ITB 24.1 (d)	The amount and currency of the Bid Security shall be BTN 67,000.00 [(Ngultrum sixty seven thousand) only Bid Security in the form of: i. Cash Warrant/Demand Draft/Banker's Cheque ii. Unconditional Bank Guarantee as per FORM-1 issued by a financial institution of Bhutan or any foreign	Bid Security (ITB 24.1): If the bid security instrument (Bank Guarantee/Demand Draft) is funded and issued via a financial institution in Bhutan, is it permissible for the local representative to process it.	Acceptable unless the BG is issued by institutions in Bhutan

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		bank acceptable and enforceable in any financial institution of Bhutan		
4	ITB 24.1 (d)	Drone Pilot: Should have drone license or flyer ID accepted by BCAA with minimum field experience of 2-5 years and with experience in drone image processing, GIS, Remote Sensing, Photogrammetry and the use of GNSS and all other surveying instruments.	Drone Pilot Certification & UAS Compliance: Kindly clarify the certification requirements for drone pilots. Specifically, please confirm whether DGCA-certified Indian Drone Pilots will be eligible to undertake the proposed drone survey work. ITB 18.1.2(g) requires a drone license accepted by the BCAA. Kindly confirm the exact procedural workflow or clearances required for DGCA-certified Indian Drone Pilots to obtain BCAA validation for this project, keeping in view the UAS Regulations. Can this be done post award of work. As per the current UAS regulation 2017 published by Bhutan Civil Aviation Authority, only government organizations are allowed to use/operate drones for government purposes. Private individuals or companies are not allowed to own or use drones in Bhutan. Any non-compliance against this regulation will be subject to offense and penalty mentioned in the section 4.12.21 of the regulation. Kindly clarify.	DGCA-certified Indian drone pilots may undertake the proposed survey work only if their certification is accepted or validated by the Bhutan Civil Aviation Authority (BCAA). Alternatively, the work may be carried out by a Bhutanese counterpart holding a BCAA-approved drone pilot certificate or license. The Contractor should consult the BCAA to confirm whether a DGCA-issued certificate will be accepted and to establish the applicable validation requirements. In view of the restrictions on private-sector drone operations under Bhutan's UAS Regulations, DGPC can facilitate the required temporary import and operational clearances.
SECTION VI – TERMS OF REFERENCE				
5	ToR		Technical Specifications (GSD Relaxation): Considering the extreme hilly terrain and severe elevation differences within the project layout, will DGPC consider a localized relaxation of the Ground Sampling Distance (GSD) requirement for the orthomosaic images in zones with extreme terrain slopes?	Given the hydropower project's required data accuracy and the site's topographical conditions, the drone data shall have a ground sampling distance (GSD) of 5 cm within the project component areas. A relaxation of the GSD requirement may be considered for data used to generate 5 m contour intervals

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6	General		Area of Interest (AOI): To ensure maximum accuracy in the technical proposal, kindly provide the Area of Interest (AOI) boundary data in KML/KMZ format.	Attached herewith