

Minutes of pre-bid meeting held on 11.12.2009 regarding Tender for capital dredging, widening of narrow canal, bank protection and removal of obstructions along with relocating utilities, etc. in Edappallikkotta-Kollam stretch of NW-3.

Present:

IWAI

Sh. S.S.Pandian, (Chief Engineer)

Sh. R.P.Khare, Director (P&C)

Sh. A.K. Bansal, Asstt. Director

Sh. A.K. Gupta, Sr. Accounts Officer

Bidders

Sh. Ashraf Baker, M/s ASR Dredging Services Pvt. Ltd.

Queries were received in writing from IMS Ship Management Pvt. Ltd. vide letter No. nil dtd. 10.12.2009 & M/s Yojaka (I) Pvt. Ltd. letter no. YIPL/IWA/339/2009-10 dtd. 10.12.2009. Sh. Ashraf baker, MD M/s ASR Dredging Services Pvt. Ltd. was present during the pre-bid meeting.

Chief Engineer explained the details of present tender during the meeting that the tendered work is a combination of dredging, bank production, relocation of jetties/ culverts and miscellaneous works. The dredging work involves removal of hard patches from the waterway for which method is described in the technical specification. He also explained the method of measurement for dredging work as specified in the technical specification. Chief Engineer also advised to the bidders to visit the site and acquaint themselves with the site condition before bidding.

The queries and the clarifications are as under:-

Sl. No.	Queries	Clarifications
	M/s IMS Ship Management Pvt. Ltd.	
1	Clause no 3(ii) page 4-notice inviting tender: The tenderer should have executed similar work of Rs. 630/- Lakhs as a single job or 2 jobs of Rs. 470/- Lakhs or 3 jobs of Rs.315/- Lakhs each satisfactorily during last 3 years. We believe that this pre qualification criterion is stringent and would not allow us to qualify. The jobs we have executed in the last 3 years include two similar works of 3.35 Lakhs and 380 Lakhs respectively; we have also in the past executed a contract with the IWAI (Kochi-Kottapuram stretch of NW3-6.6 Lakhs Cu.M) at a total of Rs. 409 Lakhs in 2005.	The qualification criteria for past experience are as per prevailing standard norms. Hence no change agreed to.

2	Clause 3(iii) page 4-notice inviting tender: The tenderer to obtain a Solvency certificate from a scheduled bank for 235/- Lakhs. The value of the Solvency certificate required is high in our opinion and value of around 120/- Lakhs would suffice for the particular project.	The qualification criteria for past experience are as per prevailing standard norms. Hence no change agreed to.
3	In addition to the above, we request you to advise if Service Tax is applicable for this job since it is a 'Capital Dredging' Jobs.	We understand that the service tax is applicable for dredging works. However, the bidders should check this aspect through their own source.
	M/s Yojaka (I) Pvt. Ltd.	
4	Pre and Post dredge survey : We wish to deploy DGPS System, Echo Sounder and suitable survey acquisition and processing software with a time spacing of 10.0 mt. intervals and plotting on 10 mx 10 m grid. With this, the survey will be fast ad accurate, instead of your conventional leveling instrument, which will be time consuming and with full of errors. Will it be allowed?	Refer Clause no. 7.9, 7.10 page 224 (Part- B) and clause no 4.6,4.7 page 83 (Part-A) of technical specification: The cross-sections shall be 10 m apart and sounding shall be taken continuously and plotted at 4 m interval on the cross-section lines. As per the prevailing site conditions, the method of conducting pre & post dredging survey specified in the tender document is to be followed. No change agreed to.
5	Dredging of soil condition : If the soil is very hard and if it doesn't yield with any high powered cutter suction dredger with special type of cutter with sharp pointed teeth called 'Serrated Cutter'. In such cases, what will be the alternative since blasting is prohibited.	Refer Clause no. 7.4 d) page 223 (Part-B) of technical specification: The contractor may use a combination of equipments like hydraulic breaker, back hoe, excavator etc. for dredging hard strata.

(A.K Gupta)
Sr. AO (representative from
finance section)

(R.P. Khare)
Director(P&C)

(S.S.Pandian)
Chief Engineer