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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Introduction:

Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) invites online Tenders/Bids from reputed Consulting firms in two cover systems (Cover – I: Technical Bid and Cover – II: Financial Bid) for “Preparation of Detailed Project Report along with Project Management Consultancy Services for Development of Urban Water Metro System at Srinagar, Guwahati and Kolkata”

Critical Data sheet:

Interested parties may download the Tender document online from the website <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> and IWAI’s website “www.iwai.nic.in” and are advised to pay INR 5,900/- (Rupees Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty only) as the cost of Bid document deposited to IWAI fund.

Document download start date	24.06.2026
Last date of submission of pre-bid queries	01.07.2026 up to 1500 hours
Pre-bid meeting	03.07.2026 at 1430 hrs
Bid Submission Last Date	22.07.2026 up to 1500 hrs
Bid Opening date	23.07.2026 at 1530 hrs
Cost of tender document	INR 5,000 + 18% GST= Rs 5,900/-
EMD	Rs. 98.74 Lacs.

Brief Scope of the work:

1. The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) is the statutory body responsible for the development and regulation of inland waterways for shipping and navigation across the country. Operating under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways,

IWAI plays a pivotal role in promoting inland water transport (IWT) as a cost-effective, eco-friendly, and efficient mode of transportation. In line with the objectives of the National Waterways Act and the broader vision of sustainable infrastructure development, IWAI focuses on enhancing navigability, developing terminals, and promoting cargo and passenger movement through India's extensive river systems.

II. The proposed consultancy involves preparing a detailed project report to assess the potential for establishing an Urban Water Transport System (UWTS) in Srinagar, Guwahati and Kolkata. The report will evaluate critical aspects such as infrastructure requirements, potential terminal locations, identifying potential routes, projected passenger demand, financial viability, regulatory and institutional frameworks, and stakeholder perspectives.

III. The following locations in Srinagar have been identified during feasibility study:

A. On River Jhelum (11 locations)

- a. Pantha Chowk
- b. Batwara/ Bantamaloo
- c. K P Bridge
- d. Zero Bridge
- e. Amira Kadal Bridge
- f. Shah E Hamdan/ Maharaj Gunj
- g. Chhatabal Weir/ Chhatabal Shrine/ Safa Kadal
- h. Chhatabal Weir – 2
- i. Sumbal/ Sumbal Bridge
- j. Hajin Bridge
- k. Wular Lake

B. On Dal Lake(10 locations)

- a. Nehru Park
- b. Zabarwan Park
- c. Tulip Garden
- d. Char Chinar Dal Lake
- e. Vakeel Colony

- f. Nishat Garden
- g. Mirza Bagh
- h. Shalimar Bagh
- i. Naseem Bagh
- j. Dargah Hazratbal Shrine

IV. The following 12 locations in Guwahati have been identified during feasibility study:

- a. Gateway of Guwahati
- b. Uzaan Bazar
- c. Umananda
- d. Pandu Port
- e. Guwahati Airport
- f. Palashbari River View Point
- g. IIT
- h. North Guwahati
- i. Rajadwar Ghat
- j. Kurua Ferry
- k. Sual Kuchi
- l. Choonsali

V. The following 16 locations in Kolkata have been identified during feasibility study:

- a. Shalimar Ghat
- b. Golabari
- c. Princep Ghat
- d. Ahiritola
- e. Babughat Ferry
- f. Shovabazar
- g. Ramkrishnapur Ferry Ghat
- h. Bagbazar
- i. Shipping Ferry Ghat
- j. Kashipur
- k. Fairlie
- l. Belur Math

- m. Armenian
 - n. Kutighat/ Baranagar
 - o. Howrah Station Jetty
 - p. Dhakshineswar
- VI. With this intent IWAI invites bid for Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Urban Water Transport System at Srinagar (Rive Jhelum & Dal Lake), Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir (UT of J&K); Guwahati, Assam and Kolkata, West Bengal.
- VII. IWAI also intends to construct and operate cruise terminals in Srinagar (River Jhelum), UT of J&K; Guwahati, Assam and Kolkata, West Bengal. The selected consultant is expected to design the terminals having the cruise facility along with ferry operations at certain location(s). The work of designing cruise terminal(s) has been already awarded by IWAI to another consultant. The selected consultant is expected to account for the design for earlier awarded cruise terminal while designing the facility for UWMS at that location. Both cruise and ferry terminals would be having separate entry/ exit along with berthing provisions. The location(s) of cruise terminal(s) would be shared later with the selected consultant.
- VIII. IWAI further intends to use the services of selected consultant for Project Management Consultancy (PMC) services also for all the three cities.

Method of Selection:

Bidder will be selected under Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) and procedures described in this Tender document.

Clarifications:

Clarification/ Query if any on the Tender document shall be obtained from the following address:

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IWAI reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Tenders without assigning any reason and no correspondence shall be entertained in this regard.

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