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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT
PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE

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Subject: The second replies of the Bidders' queries for OPBRC bidding document, the Climate Resilience Improvement of National Road 13 South Extension (Km 21 to 71) Project (P000618).

Dear all respected bidders,

Reference was made to the pre-bid meeting/workshop conducted on 23-24 January 2024, there are many bidders' queries that need to be replied on the bidding document, in order to provide unified information to all the bidders for completing the quality bidding document, therefore, **we have submitted the second replies on the bidders' queries as the file attached herewith** for your references. These replies will be served as the evidences and part of legal binding in the contract document for the Climate Resilience Improvement of National Road 13 South Extension (Km 21 to 71) Project (P000618).

Yours sincerely

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REPLIES TO ADDITIONAL QUERIES SUBMITTED BY BIDDERS

Serial No.	Part	Reference to Tender Document (Clause/ Para No. & Page No.)	Query Raised	Reply
1			According to pavement design stipulated in E.6 Pavement Design and Analysis of Volume 3 Concept Design and Drawing, we find out the road paved is composed of 3 layers of asphalt courses. Please clarify with us if these 3 layers of asphalt courses is a rigid requirement or the number of asphalt courses can be modified as long as the road after rehabilitation is fit for purpose of the project and fulfill Employers requirements.	The design requirements for pavements are provided in Volume 2 - Specifications section B.13.3. One of the key design requirements listed there is the lifespan of the pavement in terms of cumulated Standard Axles. The contractor to whom the contract will be awarded must demonstrate that his detailed design complies with all the requirements of the Specifications, including also with MPWT Standard Technical Specifications, Road Design Manual and other relevant codal provisions.
2			According to the Typical Cross Section, subbase will cover existing pavement, from existing pavement to surface is 2-layer subbase, base course, 2-layer binder course and wearing course, so the Finished Road Level (FRL) will higher than existing pavement nearly 81.5cm. but following the PLAN & PROFILE drawing, FRL high than Ground Level nearly 25cm, does it mean that the existing asphalt road pavement needs to be excavated 60cm downwards? Please confirm it (see typical cross-section)	Plan and profile and typical cross section drawings are provided for reference purpose only. Bidder will design and prepare all necessary drawings based on the prevailing site condition and minimum requirement as stipulated in the Bidding Document. Existing pavement has to be rehabilitated and reconstructed along the entire project corridor based on the design and drawings prepared by Contractor and approved by Monitoring Consultant.
3			As the request of bid document, the cost of electricity needed for operating the street lights will be borne by contractor, so, Does the contractor need to arrange personnel to be responsible for turning on and off the lights every day, and how long does the street light stay on every day?	As the current active practice of project for the National Road 13N and 13S, the street light installation is solar cell powered. The same standard street lighting is recommended to be used. The contractor will be responsible for ensuring that street lights are switched on at night. Typical operating time is 12 hours starting from 18:00 pm to 6:00 am.
4			Is it need to establish a dedicated power supply line for street lights, with unified control, whether they can be powered from nearby existing transformers, and how about their capacity, can meet the requirements or not?	The same reply as item No.3 above.
5		Volume 2, Section VII--Specifications page 87-88 B.13.4 Design Requirements for other Works	According to conceptual design, not consider the Reflecting Road Bottom (cat eye) for this bid, but in other sections of NR13S, we found that cat eyes were installed on the road, which requires the contractor to consider on their own, is right?	Reflection and/or cat eye is a primary road safety factor for guiding the road users driving at night time along sides with the street light, all the bidders have to install, refer to column 3.
6			To our knowledge, according to the current laws of Lao, the taxes involved in this project mainly as follow: - Corporate income tax: The corporate income tax is determined based on a profit of 15% of the contract amount, with a tax rate of 20%. That is, the corporate income tax is 3% of the contract amount, which is deducted from each	Those are very useful information for all the bidders have to take into considerations for pricing the bid. The bidders are responsible for Taxes, Duties, Income Taxes in according to Lao PDR's laws. All the bidding cost have to include all prices include taxes, duties, fees-including royalty fee.



			<p>IPC. Even if the contractor does not make a profit in the end, the tax will not be refunded.</p> <p>- Value added tax: VAT is 7% of the contract amount.</p> <p>- Resource tax: Calculated based on the materials used, it is approximately 1% of the contract amount.</p> <p>So, the amount of tax approximately 11% of the contract price, is right? Is there any tax preferential policy for this project, such as Master List?</p>	<p>The Information on the applicable taxes and duties can be obtained from Ministry of Finance.</p> <p>The project is not tax-exempted, although the Master list are applied the permanent import materials, equipment, fuel, lubricant and others need to be paid taxes.</p> <p>Part of the reply was stated in No. 7 of the first reply.</p>
7			<p>Is the defect liability period 1 year, and when did it start counting? is each milestone completed, was all rehabilitation work completed, or is it the 11th year of the contract period? Please clarify.</p>	<p>The defect liability period for the entire road covered by the contract ends at the same time as the entire OPBRC contract (10 years).</p>

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