

Request for Proposal

For

Construction of Iconic Hybrid Cable Stayed and Suspension Bridge Across Krishna River on NH -167K (Design Chainage km 87+360 to km 88+437) in the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh

on

Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) Mode

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DISCLAIMER

The information contained in this Request for Proposal document (the “RFP”) or subsequently provided to Bidder(s), whether verbally or in documentary or any other form by or on behalf of the Authority or any of its employees or advisors, is provided to Bidder(s) on the terms and conditions set out in this RFP and such other terms and conditions subject to which such information is provided.

This RFP is not an Agreement and is neither an offer nor invitation by the Authority to the prospective Bidders or any other person. The purpose of this RFP is to provide interested parties with information that may be useful to them in making their financial offers (BIDs) pursuant to this RFP. This RFP includes statements, which reflect various assumptions and assessments arrived at by the Authority in relation to the Project. Such assumptions, assessments and statements do not purport to contain all the information that each Bidder may require. This RFP may not be appropriate for all persons, and it is not possible for the Authority, its employees or advisors to consider the investment objectives, financial situation and particular needs of each party who reads or uses this RFP. The assumptions, assessments, statements and information contained in the Bidding Documents, especially the [Feasibility Report], may not be complete, accurate, adequate or correct. Each Bidder should, therefore, conduct its own investigations and analysis and should check the accuracy, adequacy, correctness, reliability and completeness of the assumptions, assessments, statements and information contained in this RFP and obtain independent advice from appropriate sources.

Information provided in this RFP to the Bidder(s) is on a wide range of matters, some of which may depend upon interpretation of law. The information given is not intended to be an exhaustive account of statutory requirements and should not be regarded as a complete or authoritative statement of law. The Authority accepts no responsibility for the accuracy or otherwise for any interpretation or opinion on law expressed herein.

The Authority, its employees and advisors make no representation or warranty and shall have no liability to any person, including any Applicant or Bidder under any law, statute, rules or regulations or tort, principles of restitution or unjust enrichment or otherwise for any loss, damages, cost or expense which may arise from or be incurred or suffered on account of anything contained in this RFP or otherwise, including the accuracy, adequacy, correctness, completeness or reliability of the RFP and any assessment, assumption, statement or information contained therein or deemed to form part of this RFP or arising in any way for participation in this BID Stage.

The Authority also accepts no liability of any nature whether resulting from negligence or otherwise howsoever caused arising from reliance of any Bidder upon the statements contained in this RFP. The Authority may in its absolute discretion, but without being under any obligation to do so, update, amend or supplement the information, assessment or assumptions contained in this RFP.

The issue of this RFP does not imply that the Authority is bound to select a Bidder or to appoint the Selected Bidder JV or Contractor, as the case may be, for the Project and the Authority reserves the right to reject all or any of the Bidders or BIDs without assigning any reason whatsoever.

The Bidder shall bear all its costs associated with or relating to the preparation and submission of its BID including but not limited to preparation, copying, postage, delivery fees, expenses associated with any demonstrations or presentations which may be required by the Authority, or any other costs incurred in connection with or relating to its BID. All such costs and expenses will remain with the Bidder and the Authority shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever for the same or for any other costs or other expenses incurred by a Bidder in preparation or submission of the BID, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the Bidding Process.

GLOSSARY

Agreement	As defined in Clause 1.1.4
Authority	As defined in Clause 1.1.1
Bank Guarantee	As defined in Clause 2.20.1
BID(s)	As defined in Clause 1.2.2
Bidders	As defined in Clause 1.2.1
Bidding Documents	As defined in Clause 1.1.5
BID Due Date	As defined in Clause 1.1.5
Bidding Process	As defined in Clause 1.2.1
BID Security	As defined in Clause 1.2.4
BID Price or BID	As defined in Clause 1.2.6
Contractor	As defined in Clause 1.1.2
Construction Period	As defined in Clause 1.2.6
Conflict of Interest	As defined in Clause 2.2.1(c)
Defect Liability Period	As defined in Clause 1.2.6
Eligible Experience	As defined in Clause 2.2.2.5 (i)
Eligible Projects	As defined in Clause 2.2.2.5 (i)
EPC	As defined in Clause 1.1.1
EPC Contract	As defined in Clause 1.1.2
Estimated Project Cost	As defined in Clause 1.1.3
Feasibility Report	As defined in Clause 1.2.3
Financial Capacity	As defined in Clause 2.2.2.3 (i)
Government	Government of India
Joint Venture	As defined in Clause 2.2.1
Jt. Bidding Agreement	As defined in Clause 2.1.11(f)
Lead Member	As defined in Clause 2.1.11 (c)
Lowest Bidder	As defined in Clause 1.2.6
LOA	As defined in Clause 3.3.4
Net Worth	As defined in Clause 2.2.2.9 (ii)
Performance Security	As defined in Clause 2.21.1
Additional Performance Security	As defined in Clause 2.21.1
Project	As defined in Clause 1.1.1
Re. or Rs. or INR	Indian Rupee
RFP or Request for Proposals	As defined in the Disclaimer
Selected Bidder	As defined in Clause 3.3.1
Technical Capacity	As defined in Clause 2.2.2.2 (i)
Tie BIDs	As defined in Clause 3.3.2
Threshold Technical Capacity	As defined in Clause 2.2.2.2 (i)

The words and expressions beginning with capital letters and defined in this document shall, unless repugnant to the context, have the meaning ascribed thereto herein.

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SECTION 1
INTRODUCTION

NIT No. RW/HYD/Misc-28/NIT/2025-26/019 dt 30.12.2025

1.1 Background

1.1.1 The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways represented by DG (RD) & SS (the “Authority”) is engaged in the development of National Highways and as part of this endeavour, the Authority has decided for **“Construction of Iconic Hybrid Cable Stayed and Suspension Bridge Across Krishna River on NH -167K (Design Chainage km 87+360 to km 88+437) in the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh”**(the “Project”) on Engineering, Procurement and Construction (the “EPC”) Contract, and has decided to carry out the bidding process for selection of a Bidder to whom the Project may be awarded. A brief description of the project may be seen in the Information Memorandum of the Project at the CPPP website <https://eprocure.gov.in>. Brief particulars of the Project are as follows:

Name of the National Highway Project	Length	Estimated Project Cost (In Rs. cr.) excl. GST	No of months for completion of work
Construction of Iconic Hybrid Cable Stayed and Suspension Bridge Across Krishna River on NH -167K (Design Chainage km 87+360 to km 88+437) in the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh on Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Basis	1077 m (i/c Bridge proper of 864m length)	Rs. 816.10 Crore	36 Months

1.1.2 The selected Bidder (the “Contractor”) shall be responsible for designing, engineering, procurement, and construction of the Project under and in accordance with the provisions of an engineering, procurement and construction contract (the “EPC Contract”) to be entered into between the Contractor and the Authority in the form provided by the Authority as part of the Bidding Documents pursuant hereto. The Contractor shall also be responsible for the maintenance of the project during the Defect Liability Period. The scope of work will broadly include “Construction of Iconic Hybrid Cable Stayed and Suspension Bridge Across Krishna River on NH - 167K (Design Chainage km 87+360 to km 88+437) in the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh on Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Basis” and maintenance of the Project during the Defect Liability Period, which shall be 10 years (120 months) from the completion date.

- 1.1.3 The estimated cost of the Project (the “**Estimated Project Cost**”) has been specified in the clause 1.1.1 above which is exclusive of Goods and Service Tax (GST). The assessment of actual costs, however, will have to be made by the Bidders.
- 1.1.4 The Agreement sets forth the detailed terms and conditions for award of the project to the Contractor, including the scope of the Contractor’s services and obligations.
- 1.1.5 The Authority shall receive BIDs pursuant to this RFP in accordance with the terms set forth in this RFP and other documents to be provided by the Authority pursuant to this RFP (collectively the “**Bidding Documents**”), and all BIDs shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with such terms on or before the BID due date specified in Clause 1.3 for submission of BIDs (the “**BID Due Date**”).

1.2 Brief description of Bidding Process

- 1.2.1 The Authority has adopted a single stage two-part system (referred to as the “**Bidding Process**”) for selection of the Bidder for award of the Project. Under this process, the bid shall be invited under two parts. Eligibility and qualification of the Bidder will be first examined based on the details submitted under first part (Technical Bid) with respect to eligibility and qualifications criteria prescribed in this RFP (the “**Bidder**”, which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context, include the members of the Joint Venture). The Financial Bid under the second part shall be opened of only those Bidders whose Technical Bids are responsive to eligibility and qualifications requirements as per this RFP.

GOI has issued guidelines (see Annexure VII of Appendix-1A of RFP) for qualification of Bidders seeking to acquire stakes in any public sector enterprise through the process of disinvestment. These guidelines shall apply mutatis mutandis to this Bidding Process. The Authority shall be entitled to disqualify any Bidder in accordance with the aforesaid guidelines at any stage of the Bidding Process. Bidders must satisfy themselves that they are qualified to bid and should give an undertaking to this effect in the form at Appendix-IA.

- 1.2.2 The Bid shall be valid for a period of 120 days from the date specified in Clause 1.3 for submission of BIDs.
- 1.2.3 The complete Bidding Documents including the draft Agreement for the Project is enclosed for the Bidders. The Feasibility Report / Detailed Project Report prepared by the Authority/ consultants of the Authority (the “**Feasibility Report/Detailed Project Report**”) is also enclosed. The Feasibility Report / Detailed Project Report of the Project is being provided only as a preliminary reference document by way of assistance to the Bidders who are expected to carry out their own surveys, investigations and other detailed examination of the Project before submitting their Bids. Nothing contained in the Feasibility Report/Detailed Project Report shall be binding on the Authority nor confer any right on the Bidders, and the Authority shall have no liability whatsoever in relation to or arising out of any or all contents of the

Feasibility Report/Detailed Project Report. The aforesaid documents and any addenda issued subsequent to this RFP Document, will be deemed to form part of the Bidding Documents.

1.2.4 A Bidder is required to submit, along with its BID, a BID Security of Rs. 8.16 crore (Rupees Eight Crore Sixteen Lakhs only) (the "BID Security"), refundable not later than 150 (One hundred & fifty) days from the BID Due Date, except in the case of the Selected Bidder whose BID Security shall be retained till it has provided a Performance Security and Additional Performance Security (if any) as per the provision of this RFP and LOA. **BID Security shall be submitted in the form of Insurance Surety Bond or Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-Bank Guarantee). The Insurance Surety Bond shall be verified from the specific portal created for this purpose. If it is not possible to furnish the E-Bank Guarantee, Physical Bank Guarantee may be submitted.** The Bank Guarantee shall be transmitted through SFMS Gateway to NHAI/MORTH/State PWD/NHIDCL/BROs Bank.

The Bidders shall also make online payment towards Cost of Tender Document of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only), and also towards payment of GST of Rs. 18,000/- (Rs. Eighteen Thousand only) (payable to Regional Pay and Accounts Officer, MoRTH, Hyderabad). Cost of Bid Document can be paid through Bharat Kosh Portal and receipt must be submitted with the proposal. (Ministry Code-024, DDO Code- 203942, PAO Code-002193, Function Head - 105400501010000).

1.2.5 Bidders are advised to examine the Project in greater detail, and to carry out, at their cost, such studies as may be required for submitting their respective BIDs for award of the contract including implementation of the Project.

1.2.6 BIDs will be evaluated for the Project on the basis of the lowest cost required by a Bidder for implementing the Project (the "**BID Price**") which is exclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST). The total time allowed for completion of construction under the Agreement (the "**Construction Period**") and the period during which the Contractor shall be liable for maintenance and rectification of any defect or deficiency in the Project after completion of the Construction Period (the "**Defect Liability Period**") shall be pre-determined and are specified in the draft Agreement forming part of the Bidding Documents.

In this RFP, the term "**Lowest Bidder**" shall mean the Bidder who is quoting the lowest BID price.

1.2.7 Generally, the Lowest Bidder shall be selected Bidder. In case such Lowest Bidder withdraws or is not selected for whatsoever reason except the reason mentioned in Clause 2.1.12 (b) (4) & Clause 3.3.1, the Authority shall annul the Bidding Process and invite fresh BIDS.

1.2.8 Other details of the process to be followed under this bidding process and the terms thereof are spelt out in this RFP.

1.2.9 Any queries or request for additional information concerning this RFP shall be submitted by e-mail to the officer designated in Clause 2.11.4 below with identification/ title: "Queries / Request for Additional Information: RFP for

“Construction of Iconic Hybrid Cable Stayed and Suspension Bridge Across Krishna River on NH -167K (Design Chainage km 87+360 to km 88+437) in the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh on Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Basis”.

1.2.10. A Bidder is required to submit, along with its technical BID, a self- certification that the item offered meets the local content requirement for 'Class-I local Supplier' / 'Class - II local Supplier', as the case may be. The self-certification shall also have details of the location(s) at which the local value addition is made. In case, bidder has not submitted the aforesaid certification the bidder will be treated as 'Non-Local Supplier'.

In the above context, the Class - I Local Supplier, Class - II Local Supplier and the Non-Local are defined as under:

- (i) 'Class-I local Supplier' means a supplier or service provider. whose goods, services or works offered for procurement, meets the minimum local content as prescribed for 'Class -I local Supplier' under this RFP. The 'local content' requirement to categorize a supplier as 'Class-I local Supplier' is minimum 50%.
- (ii) 'Class-II local Supplier' means a supplier or service provider, whose goods, services or works offered for procurement, meets the minimum local content as prescribed for 'Class-II Suppliers' under this RFP. The 'local content' requirement to categorize a supplier as 'Class-II local Supplier' is minimum 20%.
- (iii) 'Non-local Suppliers' means a supplier or service provider, whose goods, services or works offered for procurement, has local content less than that prescribed for 'Class-II local supplier' under this RFP.
- (iv) 'Local content' means the amount of value added in India shall be the total value of item procured (excluding net domestic indirect taxes) minus the value of imported content in the item (including all customs duties) as a proportion of the total value, in percent.

In case of procurement for a value in excess of Rs.10 crores, the 'Class-I local supplier' / 'Class-II local supplier' shall provide a certificate from the statutory auditor or cost auditor of the company (in case of companies) or from a practicing cost accountant or practicing chartered accountant (in respect of suppliers other than companies) giving the percentage of local content.

1.3 Schedule of Bidding Process

The Authority shall endeavour to adhere to the following schedule.

Sl. No.	Event Description	Date
1.	Invitation of RFP (NIT)	30.12.2025
2.	Last date for receiving queries	29.01.2026 @ 15:00 hrs
3.	Pre-BID meeting at venue 2.11.4 (ii)	30.01.2026 @ 15:00 hrs
4.	Authority response to queries latest by	06.02.2026
5.	Last date of Request for BID Document	16.02.2026, up to 15:00 hrs
6.	BID Due Date	16.02.2026, up to 15:00 hrs
7.	Opening of Technical BIDs at venue 2.11.4(ii)	17.02.2026, at 15:00 hrs
8.	Submission of Bid Security	upto 15:00 Hrs IST on 16.02.2026 [in case of Electronic Bank Guarantee] 23.02.2026 upto 15:00 Hrs in case of Physical Bank Guarantee [Address: Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Room No. 222, 2 nd Floor, Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi – 110 001].
9.	Declaration of eligible / qualified Bidders	Intimated later
10.	Opening of Financial BID	Intimated later
11.	Letter of Acceptance (LOA)	Intimated later
12.	Return of signed duplicate copy of LOA	Intimated later
13.	Validity of BID	120 days from BID Due Date
14.	Submission of Performance Security (PS)	Within 30 days of receipt of LOA. (The bidder has the option to provide 50% of PS and APS, if any within 30 days of receipt of LOA and the remaining PS to be provided within 30 days of signing of agreement)
15.	Signing of Agreement	Within 10 days from the receipt of 50% of Performance Security and 50% of Additional Performance Security, if any.