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1	Price Schedule	SI No. 13	GIS /LIS work: Digitization and Development of GIS/LIS of detailed route survey pipeline data and uploading of same data in Client GIS Platform	Kindly confirm that the GIS is to be carried out for Surveyed data only. Also, AGCL will provide GIS application/ platform to the consultant on award of the contract for progressive preparation of geo-data and uploading.	Preparation of GIS is Surveyor scope. AGCL shall provide Platform for uploading of final data
2	Price Schedule	SI No.15	Part B: Permissions: 2. Item covers all works towards successful receipt of Permission for Laying Pipeline & OFC and stations from Concerned authorities & Land owners.	These items are pertaining to Permission for Laying Pipeline & OFC. Permissions associated with station land are different from pipeline as the time, authority and process will be different for stations. Hence request AGCL to reword para 2 as below: 2. Item covers all works towards successful receipt of Permission for Laying Pipeline & OFC from Concerned authorities & Land owners.	Tender condition shall prevail. Bidder to get permissions from concerned authorities for both Laying & Station works.
3	Price Schedule	SI No.17 & 19	Along the National Highway (in ROU of Highway) - 1 No. Along the Railways (in ROU of Railway) -1 No.	Parallel Alignments cannot be counted in numbers. UOM shall be in Running meters. Hence request AGCL to consider UOM as RMT with following terms: Authority wise minimum quantity to be considered for payment under each permission will be 200m. Further increase in length >200m will be paid proportionately per m increase in length of parallel line >200m	Tender condition shall prevail.
4	Price Schedule	SI No.25	Gazette 6(1) Notification from Ministry	Following RoU land acquisition items are not considered in SOR. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Preparation of 3(1) schedule •Services for publication of 3(1) in Gazette •Serving of 3(1) Notices •Joint Measurement •6(1) hearing •Preparation of 6(1) Above activities shall be considered per Km basis. 6(1) Notification cannot be done without above activities which also requires following supports to CA for verification and approval : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Support staff to CA for verifications (Retd. Dy.Tasildar, RI, Surveyor, Data entry operator and Accountant) •Offices to CA/CA staff •Vehicle to CA/CA staff •BU teams during pipeline construction for Panchanama, awards etc. (Team Leader, Surveyor, Asst Surveyor, Liaison Officer, Helpers) Above activities shall be considered on Man-month basis. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Land Acquisition services for SV/IP stations also not included in SOR. Above activity shall be considered on number of station locations with area. Request AGCL to kindly consider and include above items with appropriate quantities in Price	Bidder understanding is correct. Without 3(1) notification for 6 (1) cannot be Done. The SOR items covers the both. Bidders to Bid Considering the above.
5	Scope of Work, Clause 5.1, I ©	Page 9 of 22	Scope of Work for Survey of Pipeline Route & Stations, Clause 5 - Scope of Work, Clause 5.1, i ©	Please confirm Field Measurement Book (FMB) to be prepared as per the survey data.	Bidders understanding is correct.
6	5.3.1 SCOPE OF WORK Clause d) & Clause 7, Point h.	Page 16 of 147 Page 18 of 147	5.3.1 SCOPE OF WORK FOR TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY OF STATIONS Clause d) & Clause 7 CONTRACTOR` S RESPONSIBILITIE, Point h.	GTS Bench Marks location and value to be provided by client.	GTS Bench-marks and determination of their values shall be Contractor's responsibility.
7	5.2. OBTAINING CROSSING PERMISSION	Page 14 of 147	5.2. OBTAINING CROSSING PERMISSION /STATUTORY CLEARANCE FROM DIFFERENT AUTHORITY'S.	Gazette 6(1) Notification from Ministry is mentioned in SoR and in this clause. Please confirm that if the entire process of RoU to be carried out as per P&MP Act, 1962 or only 6(1) Notification Publication and the Route Primarily seems to be along the Road, so RoU Acquisition will not be involved please elaborate.	Refer Reply under S.No-04
8	5.2. OBTAINING CROSSING PERMISSION	Page 14 of 147	5.2. OBTAINING CROSSING PERMISSION /STATUTORY CLEARANCE FROM DIFFERENT AUTHORITY'S.	along the National Highway is mentioned in SoR item 17 as well as in Scope of Work. Request to change the item unit to Km as it is a general practice in similar tenders and the NH/NHAI authority also gives demand note on Km basis OR Please intimate the Length of NH/NHAI for which the pipeline route is aligned.	Tender condition shall prevail.



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10	5.1. SCOPE FOR ROUTE SURVEY- PIPELINE	Page 13 of 147	5.1. SCOPE FOR ROUTE SURVEY- PIPELINE aa. All underground utilities like pipelines, cables etc. for road width plus 5 meters on either side of road boundary limit should be surveyed and marked in the drawings using pipe/cable locator/ground positioning radar system and other restricted locations. [In case of the densely populated portions and other restricted locations this may be limited to the extent feasible as approved by Owner Representative/ PMC on the merit of each case]. All detailed interference survey work to be carried out as per technical specification.	If the Pipeline route is finalized along Road etc. then the GPR is to be conducted for the entire road stretch. As such GPR is mentioned in the Scope of Work but not in the Schedule of Rates. As this is a entirely different item in case of along road routes, it is requested to include a line item in SoR for GPR Survey with unit in Km.	Pipeline route is not finalized. Bidder to finalize the Pipeline route. Refer corrigendum. Regarding GPR separate rate,Tender condition shall prevail. Bidder to include its cost under Detailed Pipeline survey item and bid accordingly.
11	9.4.1 DRAWINGS		9.4.1 DRAWINGS	Scale of Cadastral Map is mentioned as 1:50000	Bidders understanding is correct.
12	ANNEXURE-2		ANNEXURE-2 SPECIFICATION FOR SUPPLYING AND PROCESSING OF HIGH-RESOLUTION DIGITIZED SATELLITE IMAGE	Please clarify who will bear Cost of Satellite image procurement. AGCL or Contractor? Extent / Size of Satellite image to be procured? To enable us to estimate the cost It is requested to include Satellite Image Procurement in the SoR and Processing & digitization of Satellite Image in the SoR	Cost of Satellite image procurement shall be in Contractor scope. All licenses/authorization/levies/charges for connectivity with satellites shall be Contractors' responsibility.
13	General			kindly provide the KML/KMZ file for proposed Pipeline Route and Stations for Golaghat to BCPL LAKWA GAS PIPELINE PROJECT so that we can find out the Exact locations of pipeline route along with proper inspections of nearby areas from our side	The KML/KMZ file for proposed Pipeline Route is indicative only and not final. Bidder to submit KMZ file after finalization of Pipeline route.
14	INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS Clause 32	31 of 150	POST-QUALIFICATION In the absence of prequalification,the Purchaser/Consultant will determine to its satisfaction whether the Bidder that is selected as having submitted the lowest evaluated responsive bid is qualified to perform the contract satisfactorily, in accordance with the criteria listed in ITB.	Request AGCL to set Technical and Financial prequalification criteria so that experienced and proven consultant can bid for the project. Request AGCL to consider and include a minimum Qualification criteria in the RFP. Following are few suggestions: A. Technical Criteria: Experience of having successfully executed similar works during the last 5 years: At least 1 similar work of min 4.32 Cr, or 2 similar Works of each costing not less than 3.5 Cr or 3 similar Works of each costing not less than 3 Cr. Similar Works means: "Carrying out Reconnaissance survey, detailed route survey, Cadastral survey, Soil/Geotechnical investigations, Obtaining all statutory permissions for various obstacles including NH, Railways, Forests, NoC from Wild life etc, GIS of the surveyed data etc. in single project of 230 Km length" B. Financial Criteria: Average Annual Financial Turnover during the last 3 years shall not be less than 5 Cr. Contractor shall provide Completion certificates along with bid document to prove their credentials. Bid without certificates fulfilling qualification criteria will be out rightly rejected.	Tender Conditions shall prevail.



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15	SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT clause 8	115 of 150	TIME OF COMPLETION The time period for complete scope of work awarded shall be 7 months from the date of issuance of LOI.	Work includes Statutory permissions and forest clearances etc. which can be taken up only after completion of Detail survey and approval of the Alignment and proposals from the AGCL. Geo-technical investigations at Station locations also depends on land availability and access permission. Hence request to modify Time lines as under: Part-A Works: 7 Months from date of LOI. Part B: Geotechnical investigations At River crossings: 3 Months from the date of Approval of Alignment by AGCL. At Stations: 1 Month from the date of free access permission to consultant for each station. Part C : Crossing Permissions: NH/RLY: 12 Months from the date of acceptance of applications by Authority. Rivers, Canals, Water Bodies, SH, Other Roads, other pipelines etc.: 9 Months from the date of acceptance of applications by Authority. Social Forests/Protected/Reserved Forests: 18 Months from the date of acceptance of applications by Authority.	Tender Conditions shall prevail.
16	EMD - Clause 10.2.5	10 of 150	TENDER PROCESSING FEE & BID SECURITY	Kindly revert with the address as where we have to submit the EMD exemption certificate in original.	C&P Head, VCS Quality Services Pvt Ltd. B-10, 2nd Floor, Bajaj Bhawan, Sector - 3, Noida - 201301 (U.P.)



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