Queries received from different firms for the appointment of transaction advisor

RFP Clause	Reference/Comment	Comments of the Consultant	IDA Comments
	M/s Gran	it Thornton India LLP	
Clause 2.2,		Financial Capacity: The Applicant shall have a minimum average annual turnover of Rs. 150 Crore (Rs. One Hundred and Fifty crore). This is a high requirement and will limit the competition, we request to consider an average annual turnover of Rs. 100 Crores.	No Change
Clause 3.1.3		An infrastructure project undertaken through Public Private Partnership (PPP) or other forms of private participation and having an estimated capital cost of at least Rs. 500 crore (Rupees Five Hundred crore) in India (the "PPP Projects"). There would not be many required transactions for Rs. 500 Crores. Hence, this criteria may be deleted.	No Change
Clause 6.1		All the 2 members of the Advisory Team shall be deployed Authority's Office at Patna. Please clarify if the office shall be provided by IDA or the team can work from its base office at Patna	provided by IDA. The firm shall have to depute their two professionals

	M/s PriceWaterhouse Coppers Private Limited				
Clause 2.15 Financial Proposal	While submitting the Financial Proposal, the Applicant shall ensure the following: The Financial Proposal shall take into account all expenses and tax liabilities. For the avoidance of doubt, it is clarified that all taxes shall be deemed to be included in the costs shown under different items of the Financial Proposal. Further, all payments shall be subject to deduction of taxes at source as per Applicable Laws.	account all expenses but not the tax liabilities. For the avoidance of doubt, it is clarified that all taxes shall be deemed to be excluded in the costs	Tax rate will be applicable as per the guidelines of Central/State Government from time to time.		
2.35 Limitation of Liability 3.1.2 Lead Transaction	The liability of the Advisory Team under this contract shall be limited to a maximum of 10% of the Annual Contract Value for the year under evaluation The applicant should provide detail of assignment in the last 5 years to	Definition of Annual Contract Value is not defined in the contract The applicant should provide detail of assignment in the last 5 years to	the product of 12 monthly retainership fee.		
Advisor	demonstrate experience in providing	demonstrate experience in providing			

	the services detailed in section 1 above as lead Transaction advisor across a range of transaction in the infrastructure sector, including water, highway, ports, airports and rail (public transport), health, art & culture, housing, education, Tourism, Urban Development. The assignments described should have been undertaken by members of the team Proposed for the panel.	the services detailed in section 1 above as lead Transaction advisor across a range of transaction in the infrastructure sector, including water, highway, ports, airports and rail (public transport), health, art & culture, housing, education, Tourism, Urban Development. **Please change to The assignments described should have been undertaken by the Firm/ Applicant submitting the proposal.** Firm credentials as mentioned in the proposal showcase the achievements of the Firm. They have been preferentially selected in order to exhibit the skillset of the firm. The team will be assisted offline by other firm experts as well.	
Clause 3.1.2.4.1, 3.1.2.4.2 and 3.1.2.4.3	Contract design and documentation— The applicant should provide details of 5 assignments in the last 5 years which demonstrate an ability to provide legal advice to a public authority on initial contract design and documentation. The assignment should have been undertaken by nominated personnel who should have at least 15 years of experience in corporate and contract laws. The	The Legal advice would be provided by a Legal Firm whom we will bring along. Definition of nominated personnel not there in the contract. There is no mention of a legal expert in the proposal. Since, a legal expert will be required to carry on these activities we request a "Legal"	Legal expert is not required to sit in this office. But the documents/assignments should be vetted by the legal experts of the firm

applicant should describe the nature of the transaction, the role of the applicant in supporting that transaction, the nature of the legal advice on contract design and documentation, the duration of the assignment and the total fees related to contract design and documentation.

advice during tender Legal evaluation: The applicant should provide details of 5 assignments in the last 5 years which demonstrate an ability to provide legal advice to a public authority on design and conduct of tender evaluation processes. The assignment should have been undertaken by nominated personnel. The applicant should describe the nature of the transaction, the role of the applicant in supporting the evaluation, the nature of the legal advice during tender valuation, the duration of the assignment and the total fees related to legal advice during tender evaluation.

applicant should describe the nature of the transaction, the role of the applicant in supporting that bidders

| Expert" be added in the list of experts to bring in clarity to all bidders

We request that legal expert is not required to sit in your office as this will be not a full time activity.

Legal advice during contract

	negotiation and execution: The		
	applicant should provide details of 5		
	assignments in the last 5 years which		
	demonstrate an ability to provide		
	legal advice to a public authority		
	during contract negotiations and		
	execution and legal support to		
	ensuring any conditions precedent(
	CP) are satisfied prior to contract		
	execution. The assignment should		
	have been undertaken by nominated		
	personnel who should have at least		
	15 years of experience in Corporate		
	and Contract Laws. The applicant		
	should describe the nature of the		
	transaction, the role of the applicant		
	in supporting that transaction, the		
	nature of the legal advice during		
	contract negotiations and executions,		
	the duration of the assignment and		
	the total fees related to the tax advice		
Clause 3.4.1	Proposals shall be finally be ranked	The proposal should be evaluated on	No Change. Proposals
Lowest	according to the Lowest Financial	Quality Cum Cost Basis (QCBS) and	shall be finally ranked
Financial	Quote: The Selected Applicant shall		according to the lowest
Quote	be the Applicant having the Lowest		financial quote.
	Financial Quote out of the		-
	Technically Qualified Applicants. In		
	case the financial scores of two or		
	more Applicants are tied, then the		
	Applicant with the higher technical		
	score of the two will be the Selected		
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	Applicant. The Applicant with the second lowest technical score shall be kept in reserve and may be invited by the Authority in its discretion for negotiations in case the first-ranked Applicant withdraws, or fails to comply with the requirements specified in Clauses 2.24, 2.28 and 2.29, as the case may be.				
Schedule 1.II Scope of Services	The scope of work for the Transaction Advisor is: To contribute the requisite technical, financial, legal and managerial resources to advice and undertake project identification, development and implementation of various projects including preparation of pre-feasibility, feasibility Reports and drafting of Agreements, Advise on Financial Closure of Projects etc.	Advisor includes technical know-how for preparation of pre-feasibility, feasibility Reports. To contribute the requisite technical knowledge at least one expert with requisite Civil engineering background be asked to be deputed at your office full time. Kindly add a "Technical expert" be added in the list of experts to bring in clarity to all bidders. We are ready to tie-up with a reputed technical firm and depute one technical expert at your office. He will be supported by others as per requirement.	No need technical separately.	to	depute expert
Schedule 1. II Clause 5.1		It is to be noted that we can bring in a legal expert as needed but the legal			rill be submit

Preparation		advice will be responsibility of the	
,		legal expert/ firm as we do not	9 1
Administrat		provide legal services.	be noted that legal
ion and	bidding systems. The documentation		expert is not required to
Managemen	must be consistent with the results		be deputed in this office.
t of the	of the Pre -Feasibility or Feasibility		
bidding	Study as the case may be. The		
documents	Transaction Advisor shall be		
	responsible for management of the		
	entire bidding process and shall		
	provide administrative support		
	necessary for entire procurement		
	process to be conducted in		
	accordance with applicable law and		
	policy, and to the highest standards		
	of efficiency, quality and integrity.		
Schedule 1.	The Transaction Advisor will	In the table only two experts have	No change
II Clause 5.1	comprise a team of 3 members , and	been asked for	
Skills and			
experience	both the skill and experience	1. Procurement expert	
required	necessary to undertake the range of	2. Financial consent	
for a	tasks set out in this RFP. Each	2. Financial expert	
Transaction		However the scope includes technical	
Advisor	personally available to coordinate	work and legal expertise hence,	
	the work as and when required to do	work and legal expertise fielice,	
	so. The Transaction Advisor will be	We request 2 more positions be added	
	held accountable, in terms of the	1. Technical expert (to work from	
	Contract, for ensuring project	your office)	
	deliverables, and the professional	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
	conduct and integrity of the team.	2. Legal expert (to come as and	
		when required)	

III. Inputs to	Travel and Boarding expenses for any visit required for the purpose of the project i.e site visits, meetings,	Request to change to Travel and Boarding expenses for any visit required for the purpose of the project	No Change
by IDA	road shows, etc shall be borne by the Transaction Advisor	i.e site visits, meetings, road shows, etc. shall be borne by the Authority	
		Number of projects as envisaged to be conceptualized and implemented cannot be estimated at this stage. Hence, it is advised that the expenses for conducting site visits, road shows and project marketing activities should be borne in by the Authority	
Schedule A Clause VI Advisory Team	The documents/assignments which will be submitted to the Authority should be properly examined and legally vetted. On behalf of the firm, the Team Leader shall certify that all the documents submitted are legally vetted by the experts of the firm.	This again justifies our request to include a "Legal expert" and thus bring clarity to all bidders.	•
Clause 1.8 Schedule of Selection process	Proposal Submission Date is January 04, 2016	Proposal Submission Date is extended by 7 working days to January 11, 2016. There are number of holidays between Dec 24 to Jan 1, hence, this request.	No Change
Clause 2.26 : Indemnity	The selected Advisor shall, subject to the provisions of the Agreement, indemnify the Authority, for an amount not exceeding the value of the Agreement, for any direct loss or damage that is caused due to any	indemnity (subject to PwC being allowed to control the defence) and a balanced reciprocal indemnity for	No Change

	deficiency in Services.	agrees also to keep us indemnified against third party claims. However, in no event shall PwC be able to provide other indemnities sought under the RFP	
Third parties/End usage	Not mentioned	We would need the Contract to specify that our deliverables are meant for your sole use and benefit; and that there would be no third party beneficiaries. Our deliverables should not be shared with third parties without our consent. Consistent with industry practice, we would look to you to keep us protected/reimbursed from third party claims arising out of the services, say claims which arise on us due to you sharing or deliverables with third parties.	the property of IDA and it may be forwarded to
Confidential	Information relating to the examination, clarification, evaluation, and recommendation for the selection of Applicants shall not be disclosed to any person who is not officially concerned with the process or is not a retained professional adviser advising the Authority in relation to matters arising out of, or concerning the Selection Process. The Authority shall treat all information, submitted as part of the Proposal, in confidence and shall	All standard exclusions to confidentiality should be documented. Confidential Information needs to be shared on a strict need to know basis for the purposes relating to this project. Subject to confidentiality restrictions, PwC should be given a one-time approval to refer to this engagement for client citation purposes. Basis as per PwC standard policies, we would require that definite outer	No Change

require all those who have access to boundaries for the such material to treat the same in confidence. The Authority may not it is directed to do so by any statutory entity that has the power under law to require its disclosure or to enforce or assert any right or privilege of the statutory entity and/or the Authority or as may be required by law or in connection with any legal process.

survival of confidentiality obligations be documented Further, this has the divulge any such information unless potential risk of PwC forfeiting its preexisting proprietary knowledge to the client. We would need the Contract to clarify that subject to payment in full of the professional fees for the relevant Deliverables, the final Study Reports or other material or graphic (collectively "Deliverables"), prepared by PwC for, and submitted to Client under this engagement shall belong to and remain the property of Client excluding the pre-existing intellectual property rights/ proprietary materials of PwC incorporated in the Deliverables which shall continue to belong to PwC.

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2.2.2	Joint Venture/Consortium are not allowed	We request if Consortium/JV may be allowed and eligible for this assignment.	<u> </u>
2.1.4	Key Personnel specified as per TOR are: -Procurement Expert -Financial Expert	Cane we propose additional expert eg. Legal expert. Can we retain our pool of cross section sectoral technical expert for draw down as per requirement and include this poll for costing or fee assessment.	required. Your firm will be responsible to submit the vetted document form legal expert.