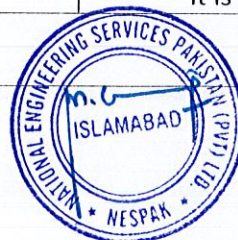


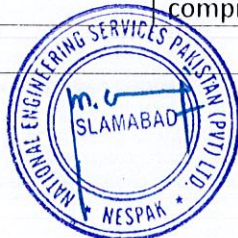
CLARIFICATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTSDated: May 20th, 2024**CONSTRUCTION OF SBP NEW OFFICE BUILDING AT D.I KHAN**

Pursuant to the Clause IB.8 "Clarification of Bidding Documents" of Instructions to Bidders (Volume-I) of the Bidding Documents, below is the Employer's Response to the clarifications sought by the prospective bidders.

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1.	Vol-I Technical Bid BC-1 Appendix-C to Bid Price Adjustment Under Clause 70. Please be informed that as per PEC Standard Procedure and Formula for Price Adjustment (2nd Edition)-2022 Part-1: Procedure B-Parameters, Fixed and Variable portion of the Price adjustment is 25%:75%. However as per Appendix-C of the Contract Documents fixed: variable portion is given 71%:29%. We will submit with our BID Price adjustment weightage table as per PEC Price adjustment Documents. Please Confirm?	Weightages are worked out on the basis of guidelines given by Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC). Bids shall be submitted taking into account the Price Adjustment weightage specified in the Bidding Documents. The prospective bidder could have submitted his working as part of the query to substantiate his statement, which is not done in the instant case. The request is, therefore, not considered.
2.	Appendix-E to Bid Please refer to the Appendix-E to Bid wherein Proposed construction schedule is provided which shows the construction sequence and milestone dates and different activity, Please clarify, are these milestones are binding or the Contractor can change and propose different milestone dates in his Proposed Construction Schedule?	Please refer Appendix-E to Bid wherein it is specifically mentioned that the Bidder shall provide as Appendix-E to his Bid Construction Schedule in the bar chart (Primavera) showing the sequence of work items and the period of time during which he proposes to complete each work item in such a manner that his proposed program for completion of the whole of the works and parts of the works may meet Employer's completion targets as set forth in the proposed construction schedule.
3.	Sub-Clause 12.3 Sub-Clause 12.3 has been amended as under: The Bidder shall obtain all information as to all applicable Taxes and conform to the requirements thereof at his own responsibility and include the same in his quoted Bid Price. It is our understanding that 16 percent (%) PST will be applicable on the Project in addition to Income Tax. Please clarify.	Please refer to bidding data clause IB.12 sub clause 12.3
4.	Valuation of Variations: Clause 52.1 of PCC Tax structure in KPK is 7.5% WH+16%PST= 23.5%. Therefore, 25% and 15% figures do not cover all the costs of the varied works. On varied works with new rates, a minimum of 20% OH + Profit is to be allowed other than the actual taxation in the area. Please check and confirm if our understanding is correct?	For varied works, 1. new items shall be valued by the Engineer on the basis of similar items covered in the Bill of Quantities, insofar as such rates or prices apply and where such rates or prices do not directly apply, the value shall be based on the rates or prices deduced there from so far as it is practicable to do so.



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		2. If the same is not provided in the Bill of Quantities then the valuation will be carried out on the basis of the applicable item rates of MES Schedule of Rates 2021 or latest available with the application of premium as notified by Engineer in Chief's Branch, GHQ, Rawalpindi. 3. If the same is not covered in latest MES Schedule of Rates then the valuation will be carried out on the basis of current market rates for labour, material etc. No escalation on account of material, labour, POL etc. shall be allowed on such items if the valuation is carried out on the basis of current market rates and the percentage of overheads, all applicable taxes, duties, levies & profit, etc. to be allowed in such cases for Civil and Plumbing Works excluding Pumps shall be twenty-five percent (25%) and fifteen percent (15%) for Electrical, HVAC, Lifts and Pumps. In such cases, 25% cover for Civil and Plumbing works (excluding Pumps) and 15% cover for Electrical, HVAC, Lifts and Pumps works, includes of overheads, all applicable taxes, duties, levies & profit, etc. will be applicable.
5.	Special Stipulations Appendix-A to BID, Particular Conditions of the Contract (PCC) SubClause-60.1-b(iv) As per Appendix-A, Maximum retention is to be 5% of the Contract Price. While as per the Particular Conditions of the Contract (PCC) Sub-Clause 60.1-b(iv) on MEP works retention will be 10%. Please check and revise the payment terms in stated PCC Clause according to the Special stipulations.	As per Sub-Clause 60.1b (iv), the payment terms stipulate that 10% will be released after the issuance of the Taking-Over Certificate, and this amount does not constitute retention money. Retention money shall be deducted according to Sub-Clause 60.2 of PCC.
6.	Particular Conditions of the Contract (PCC) Clause-82 Please provide list of imported items on which international FAT is needed	List of all imported Items provided in Sub-Clause 70.1.2 requires International FAT.
7.	Specifications – Technical Provisions Please confirm if the HT Panels & LT DBs are type tested	HT Panel & LT DBs are not type-tested.
8.	BOQ Item # (E-M-20-27) The Quantities of CCTV Cameras, Storage and NVRs are not given whereas mentioned on Drawings. Please Clarify if the Items to be Priced or its not part of the BID?	Provision and installation of CCTV Cameras, Storage and NVRs are not part of the Bidding Document.
9.	BOQ Section Q, BOQ Item No. E-Q-02,	Bidder may Engage any vendor without compromising relevant specifications

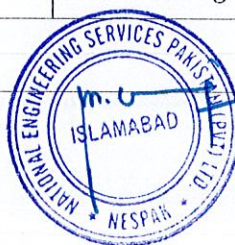


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	Please provide the approved manufacturer for Road Barrier and tyre killer System.	
10.	BOQ Section Q Please provide the approved authorized distributors in Pakistan for the Under Vehicle Surveillance System.	The bidder shall identify any authorized distributors of Vehicle Surveillance System that comply with the Technical Specifications provided in the Bidding Documents.
11.	Vol-I Technical Bid Clause 70.1.2 All payments shall be made in Pak Rupees only; however, increase or decrease in US\$ rate would be paid to or deducted from Contractor's payment for following Equipment on Supply part of imported items: - Chillers - Cooling Tower - Air-Handling Units - Fan Coil Units (FCUs) - Centrifugal Types Exhaust and Fresh Air Supply Fans - Jet Induction Fan - BMS Controls - Lifts - Imported Vault Doors - Generators - Fire Fighting pumps - Fire Alarm System In our opinion the items below are imported and have substantial foreign exchange component: - BTD - Lights - Earthing & Lightning Protection - PAS - Dry Type Transformers - Automatic Chemical Feed System - Fiberglass - Water valves - Water Pumps, centrifugal end suction type with motors - Copper piping - Split Inverter Reversible Type AC units - Fuel level sensors and Control - Fuel Oil Pump - Fire Fighting complete system - Pumping Machinery - False ceiling - Glass - CCTV System	Items from 1 to 18 in second part of query are typically available from local distributors and are not to be imported directly by the Contractor. Thereby, it will be challenging to develop a Letter of Credit, shipping documents, certified copies of paid vouchers for import duty/ tax, and other necessary documents as required by the Engineer for payment against Sub-Clause 70.12.

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12.	Bidding Data Clause IB-28, Particular Conditions of the Contract (PCC-II) Sub-Clause 60.1E. Adopting the "Rationalized BOQ" Procedure and its payment procedure will have a huge cash flow issues for all bidders. Therefore, we to suggest normal industrial practice to pay as per the procedures set out in the Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) Standard Bidding Documents. Please check and advise?	Considered and declined. Please refer to relevant provisions of bidding documents
13.	Particular Conditions of the Contract (PCC-II) Sub-Clause (60.3) "Payment of Retention Money" & Sub-Clause (80.8) "Approval Building Completion Plans" As per the Contract, Design liability lies with the Employer. The Bidders can only undertake to get approval/ completion of the Project with approved Design. Any Project design, not approved must be at the risk and cost of the Employer. Consequently, for benefit of the Project, this Clause can be amended accordingly.	Please refer to Addendum & Corrigendum no 1
14.	Extension of Bid Query Submission Deadline We kindly ask for a minimum extension of 10 days beyond the current deadline for submitting bid queries, extending it until May 03, 2024. This additional time will allow us to thoroughly review the bid documents, address any concerns, and prepare a Competitive bid.	The deadline for submission of queries and the bid has already been extended.
15.	Extension of Bid Submission Date Concurrently with the extension of the bid query submission deadline, we propose an extension of the bid submission date to accommodate the amendments that may arise from the queries submitted	
16.	Vol-I: Particular Conditions of the Contract Clause 60.8. Please refer to clause 60.8 wherein it is stated that "Before the release of the final payment by the Employer, the Contractor shall furnish a certificate issued by the Excise and Taxation Department to the effect that the applicable Taxes as required by the law has been paid by him to the Government"	Please Refer to Addendum & Corrigendum No 1
17.	Vol-IV Priced Bid, Item No C-A-01 Excavation in All Kinds of Surface material, Provide soil Investigation Report.	Soil Investigation Report has been uploaded on Bank's website



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18.	Dewatering Not Covered in BOQ.	Refer to Clause 9.1.3 of Section-1100 [Earthworks] wherein provision for dewatering is kept in the Contract and no payment on this account shall be made to the Contractor separately and cost thereof shall be deemed to have been included in the quoted unit rate of the bill of quantity under the relevant section.
19.	Vol-IV Priced Bid, Item No C-E-03 & C-E-04 Masonry in Fire Bricks with 1:1:4.5, Cement Lime, Sand and fine powdered baked clay Is It fair face brick or fire brick	Bricks for facing work shall be Fire bricks.
20.	Vol-IV Priced Bid, Item No C-G-01, C-G-02 Deodar Wood Door with imported lock Please fix base rate of door lock	Door lock and door closer shall be imported of European origin, base rate cannot be fixed at this stage.
21.	Vol-IV Priced Bid, Item No C-G-08 Heavy Duty Door Closer Please fix base rate of door Closer	
22.	Vol-IV Priced Bid, Item No C-I-01 & C-I-02 Teak Wood Rail Teak wood is not available in Pakistan.	Required Teak wood quantities can be arranged in Pakistan.
23.	Vol-IV Priced Bid, Item No C-I-08 Steel Revolving Doors RD1 Please provide drawing & specifications	Refer to Technical Specifications, Section-3000 and, Dwg No. 3780/322/BD/01J36 (SST) (Vol-IIIB)
24.	Vol-IV Priced Bid, Item No C-I-09 Steel Gate Please provide drawing & specifications	Refer to Technical Specifications, Section-3000 and, Dwg No. 3780/322/BD/01J36 (Vol-IIIB)
25.	Vol-IV Priced Bid, Item No C-I-11 Stainless Steel Jali Please provide drawing & specifications	Contractor shall submit the shop drawings for approval of the Engineer.
26.	Vol-IV Priced Bid, Item No C-I-14 Steel Bar Grill Please provide drawing & specifications	Refer to Technical Specifications, Section-3000 and, Dwg No. 3780/322/BD/01J77 (Vol-IIIB)
27.	Vol-IV Priced Bid, Item No C-I-15 Flat Iron 70x6mm HD Grade in Vault foundation walls and slab Please provide fixing detail/ drawing & specifications	Please Refer to Volume-III(A)- Drawing No. 3780/323/BD/02G02, while methodology shall be submitted by the Contractor for approval of the Engineer.
28.	Vol-IV Priced Bid, Item No C-I-16 Armored door Please provide drawing & specifications.	Refer to Technical Specifications, Section-3000. Contractor shall submit the shop drawing for approval of the Engineer.
29.	Vol-IV Priced Bid, Item No C-I-17 & C-I-18 Steel Doors Please provide drawing & specs	Refer to Technical Specifications, Section-3000 and Volume IIIB with the drawing abbreviation "SD" for each building.



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30.	Vol-IV Priced Bid, Item No C-J-02 Gypsum Board False Ceiling, Is it sheet 8'x4' or Tile 2'x2' false ceiling.	As mentioned in the drawings (Dwg No. 3780/322/BD/02B09) 'Gypsum Board edge to edge' shall be installed in the ceiling.
31.	Vol-IV Priced Bid, Item No C-K-01 Water proofing treatment on roof & slab. e) 34mm thick heat insulation Tiles Please specify vendor.	Bidder may Engage any vender without compromising relevant specifications
32.	Vol-IV Priced Bid, Item No C-L-04 Concrete pigmented tile Please specify vendor.	Same vendor as mentioned for Concrete pavers.
33.	Vol-IV Priced Bid, Item No P-A-01, P-A-02, P-A-03, P-A-04, P-C-01, P-C-02, P-C-03, PD-01, P-E-04, P-G-06, P-G-07, P-J-02, P-J-03, P-J-05, P-J-06, P-M-02, P-P-02, P-T-02, P-T-04, P-W-03, P-W-04, P-AB-01, P-AC-01 & P-AD-02 GI Water pipes, PPRC pipes, UPVC pipes, MS Pipes Unit of rate is 100rft please confirm.	Please Refer to Addendum & Corrigendum No 1
34.	Vol-IV Priced Bid, Item No P-B-09 Looking Mirror Unit of Rates is 30sft please confirm?	Please Refer to Addendum & Corrigendum No 1
35.	Equipment Schedule of HVAC System Equipment Schedule of HVAC System in Drawing is not readable. kindly provide readable copy	The bidder may study the drawings from the hard copy issued to them.
36.	Vol-II-A Technical Specification HVAC In HVAC Equipment only factory performance testing mentioned in Chiller section not mentioned in AHU, FCU, Cooling Tower, and VRF. Please clarify	Refer to HVAC Special Provisions Sub-Clause 11.1, all major imported equipment shall be tested by manufacturer and inspected by the Engineer.
37.	Vol-II-A Technical Specification Mechanical (Clause 13.0) Please refer to Technical Specification of Lift, where different tests are mentioned but the requirement of test at factory (Pre-shipment Inspection) not mentioned. Please Clarify.	Refer Clause 82 of Particular Conditions Part – II.
38.	Vol-II-A Technical Specification Mechanical (Clause 3.6) Please refer to technical specification of Fuel Tank, where different tests are mentioned but the requirement of test at factory (Pre-shipment Inspection) not mentioned. Please Clarify.	Fuel tanks are local manufacture equipment, inspection/ test mentioned under Sub-Clause 3.6 of Section-8470 shall be performed at the manufacturer's place before delivery to sites.
39.	BOQ Item No. E-A-01, E-A-02, E-A-05 & EC-01 (MV & LV Panels), We believe that there are no requirements for type-tested panels. If they are required, please confirm?	There are no requirements for type-tested panels

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40.	BOQ Item No. E-A-05 (Dry-type Transformer), E-B-01, E-B-02 (Gen Sets) Please confirm, if international FAT is required?	Refer to Sub-Clause 6.3.14 of Section 8121 of Technical Specifications, Factory Acceptance Test is required at manufacturer's work place.
41.	BOQ Item No. E-B-02, E-B-03 (Sound attenuated Canopy). Special requirements? We are considering a locally fabricated canopy with a noise level of 85 dB (A) @ 1m. Please clarify if there are any special requirements?	No other special Requirements, except detailed in this Bidding Document.
42.	Electrical and telecom scanned drawings Please note that the provided electrical and telecom scanned drawings are not clearly readable. However, please provide the PDF drawings. Kindly Provide all the drawings in PDF format. The issued tender drawing are scanned version and pixels are bursting in many drawings.	The bidder may study the drawings from the hard copy issued to them.
43.	Appendix-IV, General Specification 8001 Special tool Appendix-IV, as mentioned in the General Specification 8001 is not provided. Kindly Provide the same	No special Tool is Required.
44.	Electrical BOQ List of the Spare Parts are not provided. Please provide List of the Spare Parts if required for any System.	No spare parts are required, mentioned otherwise in the Bill of Quantities.
45.	BOQ Item No. E-K-01, E-K-02, E-K-03 (Bi- Metallic Bus way). Layout Drawing for Busway is not provided. Please provide the Layout Drawing for Busway to exact calculation of TL, TT, Z type bends, tapoff/ boxes, flanged ends, elbows, tees, expansion joints and end feed units or Provide Separate BOQ Item for TL, TT, Z type bends, tapoff/ boxes, flanged ends, elbows, tees, expansion joints and end feed units.	Contractor/ vendor will submit the exact calculation of TL, TT, Z Bends etc. in shop drawings, whereas, in single line diagram BTD connection and rating is mentioned. External routing is also marked on the drawings.
46.	BOQ Item No. E-Q-03, The Drawing for Manual Road barriers with size is not provided. Please provide the same	Manual road barrier will be as per gate size.
47.	BOQ Item No. E-Q-04 The Drawing and details for Under Vehicle Surveillance System is not provided.	Please Refer to Addendum & Corrigendum No 1
48.	BOQ Item No. (E-N-16) GI cable tray is mentioned in the BOQ, whereas powder coating is specified in Specification 8290 section 4.4.1. Please clarify what type of finish to be considered.	It is clearly mentioned in BOQ Item description and Technical Specification. Section-8290 Clause 4.4.2. that G.I Cable Tray be used.



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49.	BOQ Section G - Fittings and Fixtures The light schedules are not provided.	The drawings provide legends for each type of light, and the lighting layouts. Therefore, there is no requirement for a separate lighting schedule.
50.	BOQ E-G-10-13, E-G-17-19 The details and approved vendor list for Decorative chandelier & decorative Lights are not provided.	Wattage of the Lights is mentioned in the BOQ. Design will be approved by the Engineer.
51.	BOQ Item No. E-G-22,23 The detail Drawings for Light Poles are not provided.	Please Refer to Addendum & Corrigendum No 1
52.	Specification section 8310 Telephone PABX details are provided but not available in BOQ.	Telephone PABX is not included in the scope of work.
53.	BOQ Item No E-M-06, 15, 24 & 25 The approved Vendor for Data Racks are not provided	Please Refer to Addendum & Corrigendum No 1
54.	BOQ Item No E-L-01 The size and details for ECP which will be installed in the Earthing PIT are not provided	Please Refer to Addendum & Corrigendum No 1
55.	BOQ Item No. E-L-02 The Detail/Size of Earth Connection Point is not provided.	Please Refer to Addendum & Corrigendum No 1
56.	Electrical BOQ Section O Please confirm if any requirement of BACnet card, Network Card and Fiber Optic Module for Fire Alarm Panel	Yes, there is the requirement of BACnet card & Network Card for the Fire Alarm control Panel to make it compatible with BMS System.
57.	Vol-I: Particular Conditions of the Contract Clause 60.1 Vol-I: Particular Conditions of the Contract Clause 60.1. We propose, for the benefit of the Project, to assist the bidders in controlling their Cash Flow, to introduce at least 75% secure advance on Materials delivered to site on provision of Indemnity Bond.	As per the PEC document, the Employer may opt either 'Secure Advance on Material' or 'Financial Assistance to Contractor.' The Employer has already included provision of Mobilization Advance in the Bidding document as financial assistance to the Contractor.
58.	The project Completion Time of 1096 days is quite long, if contractor completed the projected within timelines is there any bonuses for them	Considered and declined. Please refer to relevant provisions of bidding documents
59.	Is there any sufficient space to accommodate labor camp at site?	The site layout is already provided in Volume III (A) (Tender drawings). The Contractor is responsible for making suitable arrangements for labor and a site camp within the available space at the site or outside the project area, at a location feasible for them provided that the simultaneous construction activities on all buildings shall not be hindered. Refer to Clause 26 of the Specifications-Special Provisions (Vol-IIIB). No payment shall be made for the works involved within the scope of Special Provisions.



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60.	Is there any connection of Water & Electricity available at Site, does client offer Water & Electricity free of Cost.	Pursuant to Clause 26 of the Specifications-Special Provisions (Vol-IIB), the Contractor shall arrange all necessary arrangements for water supply, electricity, access road, waste disposal, etc., at their own expense. No payment shall be made for the works involved within the scope of Special Provisions.
61.	The Performance Security of 5% will be withheld with Client till the completion of DLP period, whereas Employer already have the 5% Retention money with them, is there any possibility to release the complete Performance Security at the Issuance of TOC.	Considered and declined. Please refer to relevant provisions of bidding documents
62.	Please advise if all the drawings already approved with the concerned Building Authorities or not?	Building layout plan are already approved from Cantonment Board D.I Khan.
63.	We request you to kindly add the US\$ in your price adjustment items.	Please refer Sub-Clause 70.1.2 of the Particular Conditions.
64.	Please reduce the percentage of Advance Recovery from 20% to 10%?	Considered and declined. Please refer to relevant provisions of bidding documents
65.	Is Concrete required to be done by mixer machine or Batching Plant, furthermore is it enough space to install the batching plant at site?	Batching Plant concrete shall be used for structural concrete works. Pursuant to Clause 13 of the Specifications-Special Provisions (Vol-IIB) Batching plant shall be installed outside the project site for which no payment shall be made by the Employer.
66.	In section-G Item # C-G-01, Deodar Wood is mentioned in the BOQ which is one of the most expensive wood currently in the market, due to poor foreign trade affairs.	Required Deodar wood quantities can be arranged in Pakistan.
67.	In section H Item # C-H-01. Kindly specify the color of anodizing for the Aluminum	Item C-H-01, aluminum, shall be powder coated, and the color will be approved by the Engineer at the time of submission and approval of shop drawings.
68.	In item # C-I-11. Provide Size & Gauge of Stainless Steel Jali.	The Contractor shall submit shop drawing for the approval of the Engineer.
69.	Kindly Provide Vendor Detail of Item # C-I-12. Kindly Provide Vendor Detail of item # C-I-16	Recommended Manufacturers for Fire rated Door (Item No. C-I-12) is given in the list of Recommended Manufacturers. The bidder to identify the vendor at its own, meeting the project requirements for armored door.
70.	Provide BOQ in Editable (Excel) form.	Editable copy of BOQ will not be provided to avoid contractual implications at later stage.