



General Bid Bulletin No. 19

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RESPONSES TO CLARIFICATION REQUESTS

IFB No. 21-036-5; South Commuter Railway Project for Package Number CP S-03a: Building and Civil Engineering Works for approximately 7.9 kms of at Grade and Viaduct Railway Track Structure including Elevated Station at Buendia and at Grade Stations at EDSA and Senate

and

IFB No. 21-037-5; South Commuter Railway Project for Package Number CP S-03c: Building and Civil Engineering Works for approximately 5.8 kms of at Grade and Viaduct Railway Track Structure including Elevated Station at Bicutan and Sucat

TO ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS:

This General Bid Bulletin is issued to amend/clarify certain provisions in the Bidding Documents for the abovementioned project. Please refer to the attached Annex A of this General Bid Bulletin duly approved by the End-user and Co-Implementer for details:

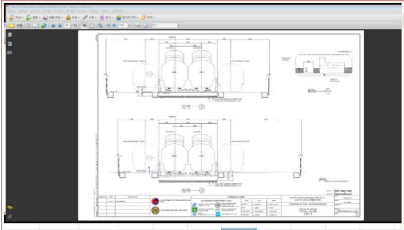
1. **Annex "A"** – CP S-03A and S-03C Responses to Clarification Requests (Batch 8)

For the Bids and Awards Committee V,

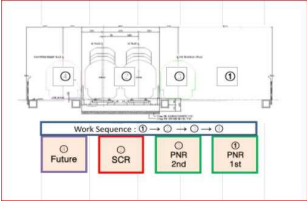
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1	S-03A	Volume 2, NSRP-DWG-VIA03a-ST-0025 Rev 01				Box Culvert 01	<p>As shown in this drawing, the relocated temporary PNR tracks is running above the footprint of Box01. According to the scope document, relocation of temporary PNR tracks is under PNR's scope and will be completed prior to commencement of CP S-03a.</p> <p>In relation to the above, please clarify whether PNR will construct portion of Box01 which will be supporting the temporary tracks and is so please specify the interface point.</p>	<p>"1)The Bidder is advised that the correct Item No. & Description is Provisional Sum PS14 Culvert Design and Construction underneath PNR Track (advance works). Please refer to the GBB 17 Addendum 2 BOQ, Bill No. 8-Schedule of Provisional Sum.</p> <p>The Bidder is further advised that the work for Provisional Sum pertains to Culvert underneath PNR Track and it does not refer to the Relocated Canal nor to the Proposed Canal.</p> <p>2)As "Advance Works" - the culvert works should be implemented in advance (or ahead of the regular BOQ work items) - with systematic planning & scheduling.</p>
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3	S-03A	Volume 2	NSRP-DWG-VIA00-ST-0321		Pile Details	Pile Details	<p>It was stated in the drawing that cogs are turned outward from the pile. Can we turn the cogs inward towards the pile?</p>	<p>The starter bars from the piles will not have any cogs but will be straight but longer anchorage into the pile cap will be shown in the revised drawings, which will be issued with Bid Addendum 3.</p>
4	S-03C	Technical specification Volume 2	NSRP-DWG-VIA00-ST-0321		Pile Details	Pile Details	<p>It was stated in the drawing that cogs are turned outward from the pile. Can we turn the cogs inward towards the pile?</p>	<p>The starter bars from the piles will not have any cogs but will be straight but longer anchorage into the pile cap will be shown in the revised drawings, which will be issued with Bid Addendum 3.</p>
5	S-03A	Vol 2 Book 1 (Civil)			08 CP S-03a VIA03a ATG (AT GRADE)	Typical Section Sheet 9	<p>The at grade PNR will remain operational throughout the contract period, but will be relocated where necessary to facilitate the proposed SCRCP. In addition, the relocation is required to provide proper space for construction work (ex. equipment, labor, access roads, temporary facilities, etc.) As shown below drawing, temporary PNR alignment locate very close to the at grade structure of SCRCP, while right side of ROW has enough space.</p> <p>Please provide specific section along with SCRCP's alignment under the condition of above very close to temporary PNR and clarify how to manage.</p> 	<p>1. Reference is made to the horizontal plan drawing of this section.</p> <p>2. The Bidder shall comply with requirements as stated in GS 131 for the railway safety zone and any works to be carried out within the PNR railway and safety zone including but not limited to any works to be carried out outside railway operational hours.</p> <p>3. Provisional Sum - Relocation of PNR Temporary Track is for further relocation/s of the PNR temporary track to be carried out by the civil works contractor as directed by the Engineer.</p>

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6	ALL	SCRIP Item 10.14 - Historical Structures of Importance			Historic Buildings and Structures		Learnt from the listed chainage in the section CP S-03b of the said report that those structures are found either in the CP S-03a and CP S03c packages, but not in package CP S-03b. Please clarify.	<p>At the time the Site Data document: Historical Structures of Importance was prepared, CP S-03 was broken down in two packages: CP S-03a and CP S-03b. More recently the CP S-03 section has been broken down into three packages: CP S-03a, CP S-03b and CP S-03c.</p> <p>With regards to the Historic Building and Structures, Bidder has to follow the chainage of the report.</p> <p>PS-4 has been included with regards to the following works: Historical PNR Structures Protection / Relocation / Demolition.</p> <p>The exact details how these works can be carried out will be determined with the Engineer and PNR, who is the owner of these historical buildings.</p>
7	ALL		Section 6 Supplementary Information	Page 2	Resettlement of affected parties & land acquisition and relocation of utilities,	Details regarding Resettlement of affected parties (RAP) & land acquisition and relocation of utilities	Employer is requested to provide the details regarding present development related to RAP & land acquisition and relocation of utilities.	Bidder is advised that RAP for CP S-03a, b and c is under development and will be shared with the successful bidder after Award.
8	ALL		Section 6 General Specifications	GS 8	104.1.4 Medical Facilities	If they shall be provided with an ambulance (s) with full-time drivers as detailed in Appendix 5 hereto.	According to Appendix 5, Please provide us related requirements regarding ambulance (s).	Bidder is advised as follows; Clarification for Section 6 GS8, 104.1.4 Medical Facilities, requirements for ambulances: The Bidder shall assess the requirements for the Project Package considering location, length of project Right of Way, proposed locations for Offices, accommodation and welfare facilities, fabrication facilities and the number of workers to be employed for the Works, local off-site medical facilities, training of staff and supervision, and then assess what facilities will be required including medical staff and facilities on site including emergency vehicles such as ambulances. The Bidder shall be responsible for assessing the logistics requirements, price accordingly and if successful, implement its proposals. Facilities located off-site may be used provided satisfactory terms are established for health protocols, response times and the provision of vehicles suitable for accessing all locations on site in all weather and conditions, be available 24 hours a day 7 days a week.
9	ALL	Vol. 1	Section 4A Bill of Quantities	PS-1	Bill No. 8 Schedule of Provisional Sums	Archaeological Monitoring : The Contractor shall be responsible for the changes and fees imposed for the measures and/or works deemed necessary in the event of discovering archaeological interest on site. (Refer to GS 118.9.3)	It is understood that the respective contractor will be responsible to undertake any work required and/or measures to implement at the Site upon the discovery of archaeological interests. The Bidder assume that the term 'responsible' represents the Employer's written instruction (to the extent of which the Employer wishes the contractor to undertake) under the Clause 13 (prior to commencement of any activity pertaining to those interest by the contractor) and the same will be paid against the Provisional sum of 8,000,000 PHP. Please confirm.	<p>The BOQ Pay Item for Archaeological Monitoring covers the Chance Find Procedure described under GS118.7.6. and the Archaeology Monitoring: Accidental Discoveries of National Importance Plan described under GS118.7.7.</p> <p>The Provisional Sum for Archaeological Monitoring Works (PS-1) is intended to cover any fees and/or charges and fees imposed resulting from measures and/or works deemed necessary in the event of discovering archaeological interest on site. Any discrepancy between the BOQ and the GS references will be amended / revised in the respective Bidding Documents with Bid Addendum 3.</p> <p>RA 11333 will be included in the list in laws in GS 118 and provided with Bid Addendum 3.</p>
10	ALL	Vol. 2	Section -6 The Employer's Requirements (ERQ)		131.1, GS 131.1 Works in the Vicinity of Existing Operating Philippine National Railway	Activities in the vicinity of any PNR line shall be carefully planned and applications for permission to carry out the activities shall be submitted to the PNR. The activities shall only be carried out after permission is obtained from the PNR and the Engineer.	What is the time limit for submission of request and obtain approval of permits?	PNR requires approx. 28 days to respond to any application. The Engineer will require PNR approval to be included in any application that requires the Engineer's approval. The response of the Engineer is in accordance with the provisions in the Conditions of Contract.
11	ALL	Vol. 1	Section 4A Bill of Quantities		201(2)a	Part A, 201(2)a, Pile cap excavation in dry condition.	This item is only applicable for dry condition. Excavation not required in Wet Condition. We presumed that dewatering is not required for the project. Please confirm.	<p>Dry condition means dry surface.</p> <p>Dewatering or not depends on the ground water table for the pile cap excavation.</p>
12	ALL	Vol. 1	Section -4A Bill of Quantities		204 (2)	204 (2), Bored Pile, (in dry conditions)	Pl elaborate meaning of "Dry Conditions"? Regarding Drilling method, use of slurry is allowed in Technical Specification.	<p>Dry condition means dry surface.</p> <p>Yes, drilling slurry is allowed.</p>

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13	S-03A	Vol 2	Section 6 - Employer's Requirements		IA - Scope of Works	2.2.5 Relocation of Existing PNR Operating Tracks and Structures	<p>According to the Vol 2 - Section 6 - IA - Scope of Works, The current operating PNR double track will be relocated and converted to a temporary single track. PNR will carry out this work prior to commencement of the CP S-03a.</p> <p>The temporary single track needs to be relocated twice during the construction period in CP S-03a because of conflict with on-going construction of structures and building of the Project. These relocation works are basically in charge of PNR.</p> <p>As shown on the above drawing, temporary PNR alignment locate very close to the at grade structure of SCRP, even drainage structure is underneath temporary PNR, so there is no space for construction work (ex. structural excavation, equipment & labor access, temporary retaining facilities, safety fence / hoarding, etc.), while right side of ROW has enough space.</p> <p>Please provide detailed information on overall Temporary PNR operating plan and work sequence for the twice relocation of temporary PNR during the construction period in CP S-03a with consideration of above drawing of typical Sections.</p> 	<p>The relocation works by PNR will relocate the current double track to a single track. Any relocation by PNR during the construction period of CP S-03a will be coordinated in accordance with Contractor's Programme.</p> <p>The Bidder shall comply with requirements as stated in GS 131 for the railway safety zone and any works to be carried out within the PNR railway and safety zone including but not limited to any works to be carried out outside railway operational hours.</p> <p>Provisional Sum - Relocation of PNR Temporary Track is for further relocation/s of the PNR temporary track to be carried out by the civil works contractor as directed by the Engineer.</p>
14	S-03A	Vol 2	Specification		T/S 100	101 Clearing and Grubbing	<p>The relocation of the existing operational PNR lines, demolition of the existing stations, and construction of the temporary stations is planned to be carried out by others prior to the commencement of CP S-03a.</p> <p>Please provide information that existing PNR track's rail, sleeper, fastener, ballast gravel will be removed and reused by PNR / others. Or it will be disposed by contractor as one of the work for clearing and grubbing, removal of existing structure.</p>	<p>The existing track rail, sleeper, fastener and ballast are property of PNR and will be removed during the relocation works as carried out by PNR.</p>
15	S-03A	Addendum 2 Site Data			02. NSRP (SC)_Topo Surveys CAD		<p>Please provide Topo Surveys CAD for S-03.</p>	<p>The CAD drawings are included in the Topographic Survey Drawings as provided in the Site Data.</p>
16	CP S-03A		Vol. 1	Sec. 4		Key Personnel	<p>Considering the different packages but also the number of bidders it is not likely that one contractor will get multiple packages awarded. Hence could you please advise if staff proposed on package 1,2 and on package 4,5,6,7 can be same staff proposed on package 3A&C.</p>	<p>The Employer may accept the same staff proposed on package 1, 2, and package 4,5,6,7 to be proposed on package 3a and 3c provided that equal level or better replacement shall be provided in case of Contract award to respective bids.</p>
17	ALL	Vol. 3	Section 8 Particular Conditions of Contract	PCC 3	4.2 Performance Security	<p>The performance security will be in the form of an unconditional bank guarantee in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the Accepted Contract Amount and in the same currencies and proportion as the Contract Price.</p>	<p>We request you to confirm that Performance Security issued by other financial institution i.e. Insurance companies will be acceptable.</p>	<p>Bidder is advised that the Bid Security, Advance Payment Security and Performance Security shall be issued by "an unconditional bank guarantee" (ITB 19.3 Bid Security) from "a reputable bank or financial institution (GCC 4.2 Performance Security, GCC 14.2 Advance Payment</p>
18	ALL	Vol. 3	Section 8 Particular Conditions of Contract	PCC 4	14.2 Total advance payment	<p>One instalment of Ten Percent (10%) of the Accepted Contract Amount payable in the currencies and proportions in which the Accepted Contract Amount is payable.</p>	<p>We request you to kindly confirm that Advance Payment Guarantee issued by other financial institution i.e. Insurance companies will be acceptable.</p>	<p>Bidder is advised that the Bid Security, Advance Payment Security and Performance Security shall be issued by "an unconditional bank guarantee" (ITB 19.3 Bid Security) from "a reputable bank or financial institution (GCC 4.2 Performance Security, GCC 14.2 Advance Payment</p>
19	ALL	Vol. 3	Section 8 Particular Conditions of Contract	PCC 12	Clause 4.16, GCC - Transport of Goods, Conditions of Contract	No tender provision	<p>We request you to include provision for exemption of all the Goods imported by the Contractor into the Country from customs and other import duties, if the Employer's prior written approval is obtained for import.</p>	<p>The payment of import taxes is not exempt, but assumed by Government of the Philippines. The assumption of import taxes extends to permanent and temporary materials.</p>

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20	ALL	Vol. 3	Section 8 Particular Conditions of Contract	PCC 16	Clause 14.1, PCC Part A - The Contract Price	The following sentence under Clause 14.1 shall not apply: Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (b), Contractor's Equipment, including essential spare parts therefor, imported by the Contractor for the sole purpose of executing the Contract shall be exempt from the payment of import duties and taxes upon importation.	The Employer is requested to restore the applicability of exemption from the payment of duties and taxes upon import of Contractor's equipment including essential spare parts.	The payment of import taxes is not exempt, but assumed by Government of the Philippines. The assumption of import taxes extends to permanent and temporary materials.
21	ALL				Invitation for Bids	The bidder must pay a non- refundable fee of Philippine Pesos Seventy-Five Thousand (Php 75,000.00) for each set of Bidding Documents required.	Please clarify whether a bidder JV should purchase Bidding Document in the name of the JV or it is acceptable if one partner of the bidder JV purchase the Bidding Documents in its name.	Yes, it is acceptable. The bidder can purchase a bidding documents using the name of JV or by using the name of one(1) partner of the JV.
22	ALL		Section 4 Bidding Form (BF)	BF 35	Engineer's Concept Program		Please provide the planned start date.	Please refer to Project Implementation Schedule as provided in Bid Addendum 2
23	ALL				Invitation for Bids	Specific Experience in Past 10 years	Can bidder participate in multiple packages by using only 1 similar work experience which meet the requirements of 2.4.1 Contracts of Similar Size and Nature and 2.4.2 Construction Experience in Key Activities?	Yes, it is confirmed. Please refer to Bid Addendum 2, Volume 1, Sec. 3 Clause 1.2.2
24	ALL	Vol. 3	Section 8 Particular Conditions of Contract	PCC 11	Cl. 4.7	The Resettlement Action Plan is in Appendix 7 Environmental Management of General Specification, Annex. E	Appendix 7 of General Specification is related to "PNR including requirement for Access to PNR Property". The Employer is requested to clarify correct reference document for the Resettlement Action plan.	Bidder is advise that RAP for CP S-03a, b and c is under development and will be shared with the successful bidder after Award. The reference in the documents will be amended in Bid Addendum 3.