

KARACHI BUS RAPID TRANSIT RED LINE PROJECT

KBRT-CW-06 (CW-01 Balanced Work [Lot-2])

COMPLETE RESPONSE TO BIDDERS CLARIFICATIONS

The matrix below consolidates the qualification-related queries and the additional technical/contractual queries received from prospective bidders.

Sr. No.	Reference / Subject	Bidder Query / Request	Employer's Proposed Response
Q-1	Section 3, Clause 1.4.1(a) - Similar Size	Under Section 1.4.1(a), it is stated that the "JV partner must meet the additional requirement." However, the term "additional requirement" has not been clearly defined or specified in the bidding documents. This creates ambiguity for prospective bidders, as it is not clear what specific requirement is intended to be fulfilled by each JV partner. We therefore request that the said requirement may kindly be clarified and explicitly defined to ensure a clear and uniform understanding among all prospective bidders.	The query is noted. The requirement under Clause 1.4.1(a) has been amended through Addendum No. 01. Bidders shall refer to Addendum No. 01 for the revised compliance requirements applicable to Joint Venture partners.
Q-2	Section 3, Clause 1.4.1(b) - Similar Nature	Under Section 1.4.1(b), experience relating to key activities such as a 2,000-meter flyover, elevated road, U-turn, etc. is required to be demonstrated through a single project. We respectfully request that the Employer may kindly consider allowing such experience to be demonstrated through multiple relevant contracts/projects, rather than restricting the requirement to a single project. In Pakistan, projects involving 2,000 meters or more of elevated/flyover structures are relatively limited, and only a very small number of contractors may have executed all such works under a single project. Maintaining the requirement on a single-project basis may therefore significantly restrict the participation of otherwise qualified and experienced national bidders. Allowing the required experience to be demonstrated through multiple relevant contracts would broaden the pool of prospective bidders, encourage wider participation, and promote healthy and competitive bidding.	The Bidding Document already provides that Requirements 1 to 4 may be demonstrated through separate contracts; however, each individual technical requirement must be fully demonstrated under one single contract. This single-contract requirement is retained. However, considering the similar concerns raised by multiple prospective bidders and PMCSC's technical/market review, the minimum cumulative length under Requirement 1 is amended from 2,000 meters to 500 meters under one single contract through Addendum No. 01. Aggregation of the same technical requirement across two or more contracts is not permitted. All other requirements under Clause 1.4.1(b) remain unchanged.
1	Existing And Partially Completed Works:	Please confirm the current physical status of the existing/partially completed works at S03, S04, S05, S06, S07/S08, S09, RL-05, S01A, S01D and S02, including the latest as-built drawings, survey records, inspection records, material test results and pile test records. Please also clarify the contractual treatment of any defective, damaged, incomplete or non-conforming existing work discovered during verification, including demolition, replacement, strengthening or remedial works.	The approximate physical progress of the existing and partially completed works at the identified locations, is as follows: AS Built Status: S03 - 0%; S04 - 70%; S05 - 80%; S06 - 70%; S07 - 75%; S08 - 75%; S09 - 50%; RL-05 - 5%; S01A - 95%; S01D - 90%; S02 - 0%. These percentages indicate the approximate extent of execution and do not constitute confirmation of the condition or acceptance of individual elements or establish the quantities payable under the proposed Contract. Member-wise structural details and survey, inspection, material-test and pile-test records are identified and enclosed. Please refer to BDS ITB 1.1 and Section 6, particularly pages 110-111 and 129, concerning existing Site conditions and completion, integration, protection, testing and rectification of existing or partially completed works. The Contractor shall undertake the verification and inspections required by the Contract before proceeding with or incorporating existing works. Identified incomplete and remedial works included in the tender scope shall be priced under the relevant



			Specifications and BOQ items. Any further demolition, replacement, strengthening or remedial work shall be assessed against the specified scope and, where required, instructed and valued under the applicable Contract provisions. The Contractor's responsibility for existing works shall be governed by the express requirements of the proposed Contract.
2	Utility Locations and Relocation:	Please provide the latest available utility drawings and confirm which existing utilities have been physically verified. Please clarify whether relocation, diversion, protection and reinstatement of existing utilities, including related NOCs and authority coordination, are within the Contractor's scope and how additional works arising from unidentified utilities will be measured and paid.	Please refer to Section 6, "Utility Protection," page 113, and "Supplementary Information Regarding Works to be procured," page 129. The Contractor shall protect existing utilities, repair any damage caused by its activities at its own cost, and coordinate with the utility agencies and relevant authorities. Utility relocation shall only be undertaken after obtaining the necessary approvals from the relevant utility authorities. The Contractor shall obtain or facilitate applicable permits and NOCs to the extent required under the Contract. Responsibility for utility investigation, relocation, diversion, reinstatement and associated charges shall be governed by the applicable provisions of the Conditions of Contract, Technical Specifications and BOQ. Additional work arising from unidentified utilities shall be assessed against the tender scope and applicable Contract provisions.
3	Work-Front/Access Availability	The Bidding Documents indicate specific access periods for individual Sections. Please confirm that the stated periods represent the actual guaranteed availability of the respective work fronts. Also clarify the contractual treatment where access is delayed or restricted due to traffic, utilities, third parties, land/access issues or other matters beyond the Contractor's control.	Any delayed or restricted access and resulting entitlement shall be assessed under Sub-Clause 2.1 and other applicable provisions. Extension of time, where contractually justified, shall be considered under Sub-Clause 8.5, read with Sub-Clause 20.2.
4	Traffic Diversions and Approvals	Please confirm the required traffic staging for each work front and clearly identify which road closures, traffic police approvals, diversions and permits will be arranged by the Employer.	Please refer to Section 6, page 113 and pages 122–123. The Contractor shall prepare, submit, obtain the required approval for, implement and maintain a Traffic Management and Diversion Plan for each relevant work front and construction stage. The Contractor's obligations include the specified diversions, barricading, signage, lighting, pedestrian arrangements, traffic-control personnel and emergency access. Traffic shall remain operational unless otherwise approved.
5	Underpasses – Ground Conditions and Dewatering	For S01A, S01D and S02, please provide the available geotechnical and groundwater information and clarify the basis for pricing excavation support, dewatering, groundwater control and other temporary works where actual conditions may differ from the available information.	Please refer to Section 6, "Design Responsibility," page 111, and the temporary-works requirements at pages 112–113. Contractor-designed elements shall be prepared by suitably qualified PEC-registered Professional Engineers. The Contractor remains responsible for their adequacy, safety and performance notwithstanding the Engineer's review. The pricing basis for shoring, excavation support, dewatering and associated temporary works shall follow [specific TS-A/TS-B clauses and BOQ items], including any requirement for costs to be included in relevant rates and any separately measured items. Conditions reasonably identifiable during the Site visit are subject to Section 6, pages 110–111. Any physical condition claimed to be unforeseeable shall be notified and assessed under Sub-Clause 4.12 and the applicable claim procedures. A difference between actual conditions and available information does not automatically establish entitlement to additional time or payment.

6	Design And Technical Information	Please confirm the availability/status of IFC drawings for the balance works and clarify the procedure for discrepancies between the Drawings, Specifications, BOQ and actual site conditions. Please also clarify the extent of Contractor's design responsibility for temporary works and other construction-stage engineering.	Please refer to Section 6, Drawings, page 128. Drawing volumes V1–V6 form part of the Bidding Documents. Their current revisions and issue/IFC status have been provided in the drawings. The Contractor shall review and coordinate the Drawings with the Specifications, BOQ and actual Site conditions and promptly notify the Engineer of apparent discrepancies, inconsistencies or requirements for clarification. These shall be resolved in accordance with the contractual order of priority and instruction procedures. Where resolution requires a change to the contractual scope, the applicable Variation provisions under Sub-Clauses 13.1 and 13.3 shall apply. The Contractor shall submit the required construction methodology, shop drawings, temporary-works designs and other construction-stage documents in accordance with the Contract. Permanent-works design responsibility and any specifically delegated contractor design shall remain as expressly allocated in the Bidding Documents. Contractor-designed works are subject to Section 6, - Design Responsibility, and page 111.
7	BOQ Quantities and Unforeseen/Remedial Works	Please confirm that the BOQ quantities reflect the current physical status of the balance works. Where significant quantity variations, additional remedial works or unforeseen works are required to complete/integrate the existing works, please clarify the applicable Variation, Provisional Sum or Daywork mechanism.	Please refer to Section 4, pages 105–106, and the Contract Data under Sub-Clause 12.2 at page 141. The BOQ quantities represent estimated quantities of balance works for tendering purposes. Payment shall be based on actual quantities executed, measured and verified by the Engineer and valued at the tendered rates or otherwise in accordance with the Contract. The basis of the balance quantities and identified remedial works is already provided in the tender, please refer. Additional or remedial works, where required, shall be verified against the specified obligations and dealt with under Clause 12 and Sub-Clauses 13.1 and 13.3, as applicable. Provisional Sums expressly included in the BOQ shall be administered under Sub-Clause 13.4, including the Particular Conditions amendments. They do not constitute automatic authorization to execute work. "Day work" shall only be undertaken upon the Engineer's instruction and shall be recorded, measured and paid in accordance with the Contract.
8	Interfaces with Other Contractors And Stakeholders	Please provide details of other contractors/packages working within or adjacent to the Site and clarify the defined interface boundaries, access responsibilities and coordination arrangements, including any existing stakeholder/access commitments.	Please refer to Sub-Clause 4.6 and Section 6, page 129. The Contractor shall cooperate and coordinate with other contractors, the Employer, Engineer, utility agencies, authorities and stakeholders as required by the Contract. Coordination obligations do not, by themselves, expand the Contractor's scope or transfer another contractor's obligations. Any instructed change shall be dealt with under the applicable Contract provisions.
9	Approvals and Response Periods	Please provide/confirm the expected response periods for RFIs, shop drawings, method statements, material approvals, temporary works submissions, traffic approvals and NOCs, as these approvals are critical to the proposed construction programme. The above matters have a direct impact on the construction methodology, programme, quantities, resources, risk allocation and Bid Price. The Bidding	Review of applicable Contractor's Documents shall be undertaken in accordance with Sub-Clause 4.4.1 and the relevant Specifications and Particular Conditions, including Sub-Clauses 4.4.4 and 4.4.5 concerning the SSHSMP and SSEMP. The review periods expressly prescribed in the Contract shall apply to the respective submissions.

		Documents themselves recognize the particular challenges associated with balance and partially completed works, existing utilities, live traffic, restricted work fronts and other site-specific constraints. We therefore respectfully request the Employer to issue the necessary clarifications and/or Addendum, including any revised drawings, BOQ information or supporting records, as applicable.	RFIs, shop drawings, method statements, material submissions and temporary-works documents shall be complete, coordinated and submitted sufficiently in advance of the relevant activities. The Contractor's programme and submission schedule shall allow for the applicable review periods and any necessary revision and resubmission. Where no specific response period is prescribed, the submission shall identify the date by which a response is required and its relationship to the planned activities, for coordination with the Engineer. Traffic approvals, utility NOCs and other third-party consents shall follow the relevant authorities' procedures and the allocation of responsibilities under the Contract.
10	Request for extension of bid submission deadline	The current deadline for submission of Bids is 8 October 2026 at 12:30 PM. In view of the number and importance of the above matters, and the time required to properly incorporate the Employer's responses into the technical and financial proposal, we respectfully request an extension of at least thirty (30) calendar days, thereby extending the submission deadline to 8 November 2026. We trust that our request will be considered favourably in order to enable all bidders to prepare their bids on a clear, consistent and properly informed basis.	The request for extension of the bid submission deadline is not accepted. The published deadline remains 8 October 2026 at 12:30 PM, with technical bid opening at 12:35 PM.

- Except for the amendments expressly issued through Addendum No. 01, all other terms, conditions, requirements and provisions of the Bidding Document shall remain unchanged.