

Clarification

Sl. No.	EOI Reference	As per EOI Document	Clarification / Request	Issued Clarification
1	Section 7 Terms of Reference Clause 1.7	The project shall be handed over by the consultant of the first phase to the consultant of this phase from September 2025. The consultant of the second phase shall continue and enhance (if required) after diligent analysis to support projects to complete on time.	<p>The EOI mentions that “the project shall be handed over by the consultant of the first phase to the consultant of this phase from September 2025.” However, the EOI submission deadline falls in the last week of September 2025, which makes the proposed handover timeline appear unfeasible.</p> <p>Further, this also seems to conflict with Clause 5.4, which specifies that “the Consultant is expected to commence the service in November 2025, and the duration of the service will be twelve (12) months.”</p> <p>We kindly request clarification on the intended handover timeline and commencement date of services for the Phase 2 Consultant.</p>	Please read the line in TOR “ the project shall be handed over by the consultant of the first phase to the consultant of this phase from September 2025.” as “the project shall be handed over by the consultant of the first phase to the consultant of this phase from November 2025.”
2	EOI Notice Clause 2	NEA ("the Employer") now invites eligible Consultant (a consulting firm or consortium of consulting firms or consulting arm of electric utility) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Expression of interest (EOI) will be assessed based on Management Competence (10%). Technical Competence (40%), Geographical Competence (10%) and CV of the Experts (40%).	The EOI evaluation criteria indicate that submissions will be assessed on Management Competence (10%), Technical Competence (40%), Geographical Competence (10%), and CVs of the Experts (40%). We kindly request your clarification regarding the parameter of Geographical Competence. Specifically, does this refer to prior experience in Nepal itself, or will experience in projects undertaken in similar geographical and terrain conditions also be considered?	You are requested to submit details of the relevant experience of the Consulting firms for the last fifteen (15) years.
3	Section 7 Terms of Reference Clause 4.2 Qualification/ Experience Requirements for the Experts	<p>4.2.1 International Experts</p> <p>a) Team Leader and Substation Engineer-Electrical</p> <p>b) Distribution Automation/ Smart Grid Engineer</p> <p>c) SCADA/Communications Engineer</p> <p>d) Environmental Safeguard Specialist</p> <p>e) Social Safeguard Specialist</p> <p>f) Civil Engineer</p> <p>4.2.2 National Experts</p> <p>a) Distribution System Engineer</p> <p>b) Substation Engineer-Electrical</p> <p>c) Environmental Safeguard Specialist</p> <p>d) Social Safeguard Specialist</p> <p>e) Civil Engineer- Transmission and Substations</p>	<p>The eligibility criteria specify that candidates must hold a Master's degree in their respective fields to qualify for the assignment.</p> <p>We kindly request the Client to consider candidates holding a relevant Bachelor's degree along with substantial and proven years of professional experience for both International and National positions. This flexibility would allow highly experienced and competent professionals, who may not hold a Master's degree but possess strong technical expertise and domain knowledge, to contribute effectively to the assignment.</p>	TOR does not explicitly use the term “must” regarding expert's qualifications. While NEA prefers that proposed experts possess a Master's degree in the relevant discipline, it is permissible to propose candidates who hold a Bachelor's degree as well.