

Two bidders in field for project development consultancy of Agra to Lucknow Greenfield Expressway

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Two bidders have applied for selection as **Project Development Consultant** for ambitious **access-controlled Agra to Lucknow expressway**. Bidders are **Consortium of M/s Feedback Infrastructure Services Pvt. Ltd. with M/s Redecon (India) Pvt Ltd** and **consortium of M/s Egis India Consulting Engineers Pvt Ltd with Ernst & Young Pvt Ltd**. The **eight lane eco-friendly green-field expressway** is proposed to be constructed on **minimum distance formula** through **Public Private Partnership mode**.

Both bidders made detailed technical presentation to **Consultant Evaluation Committee** under the **Chairmanship of Infrastructure and Industrial Development Commissioner (IIDC), Mr Anil Kumar Gupta** here today. The presentations focused on experience of bidders in imparting consultancy services for development of expressways and road projects along with proposed methodology for time-bound completion of work.

IIDC, Mr Anil Kumar Gupta said, "Agra to Lucknow Expressway is a priority project of the State government; hence, we are making concerted efforts to ensure its time-bound implementation."

It may be noted that a concept report has already been prepared and accepted for this project. **Implementing and Nodal agency** for first of its kind PPP expressway project is **Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Authority (UPEIDA)**.

CEO, UPEIDA, Mr Mukul Singhal informed that **evaluation of technical bids would be completed within a week and then financial bids would be opened** for selection of the consultant.

Envisaged to provide a smooth link between Lucknow and Agra, this expressway will be built covering a distance of about 270 Kms. **Scope of Work for project development consultant** would include preparation of feasibility studies and feasibility report of the expressway project for the purpose of firming up the requirements in respect of development and construction of the expressway and project facilities.

To maintain ecological balance, a large number of trees would be planted for retaining the rain water in the field. Suitable techniques of rain harvesting shall also be adopted to raising ground water level. Eco-friendly parks shall be developed along the expressway for neutralizing air and noise pollution and maintaining ecological balance owing to this expressway. Further, to maintain greenery and abundant water supply Lakes and Ponds shall be developed on both sides of proposed Agra-Lucknow expressway.
