

Pre-proposal conference held for Project consultant selection for Agra-Lucknow Expressway

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Speeding up the process for selection of project consultant for Agra-Lucknow green-field eco-friendly expressway, **Consultant Evaluation Committee (CEC) under the chairmanship of Infrastructure & Industrial Development Commissioner (IIDC), Anil K Gupta met here today to clarify queries of potential bidders at a pre-proposal conference.**

Around 100 queries had been received from nine prospective consultants in response to Expression of Interest-cum-Request for Proposal (EoI-cum-RFP) floated earlier this month.

IIDC, Anil K Gupta said, *"State government attaches top priority to Agra-Lucknow Expressway project as it is the dream project of Chief Minister, envisaged to accelerate socio-economic development on the entire 270 km route and adjoining areas."*

Most of the queries pertained to time-frame, payment schedules clarifications, qualifications of experts, environment clearances, phasing of project in single package and in three separate packages etc. Queries were heard and clarified to the satisfaction of consultant representatives. Modified proposal document would be uploaded on UPEIDA website tonight.

CEO, U.P. Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA), Mukul Singhal informed that since the alignment has already been identified by the consultant who prepared the concept report and concept report has been accepted by government, the project consultant will only have to concentrate on report preparation and bidding process.

Mukul Singhal added that the selected consultant would be mandated to prepare the Detailed Project Report (DPR) along with inception, techno-economic feasibility reports, Request for Qualification & Request for proposal (RFQ & RFP) documents for concessionaire selection of the expressway project in a time-bound manner.

To be built through Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode, with an estimated cost of Rs10,435 crores on 'minimum distance formula', the finalised alignment proposes around 270 Km long six-lane (extendable to eight lanes) expressway starting from proposed Agra ring road close to Yamuna expressway and passing through Fatehabad, Shikohabad, Saifai, NH-92 near Etawah, NH-91 near Kannauj, NH-25A near Malihabad will culminate at inner ring road at Lucknow.