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<b>COMMERCIAL</b>			
1	Commercial Volume I of II	We understand quoted Price should be all inclusive except VAT which is to be paid at actual.	SIPI Benin is exempted from Custom duty & VAT (TVA). Only approx 2% surcharges will be applicable on import material.
2	Commercial Volume I of II	Is there any concession/(Nil Duty) provided to contractor for Construction Materials and Equipment required to be imported in Benin and also supporting documentation formalities for re-export of same.	Exoneration certificate will be provided by SIPI Benin, only approx 2% surcharge contractor has to pay.
3	Commercial Volume I of II Clause 5.0 (IFB)	As it is an international project, need time for mobilization, so our request there should be a process of "Letter of Proceed" and gap between LOI & LOP should be at least 60 days. Also construction duration 180 days should be considered from LOP.	No Change Tender Condition Prevails
4	Commercial Volume I of II Clause 5.0 (SCC)	Request to consider last payment milestone 5% instead of 10% on completion for every items	No Change Tender Condition Prevails
5	Commercial Volume I of II Forms & Formats	We have query regarding Form-11 Techno-Commercial Information (Commercial Volume I of II Page No. 60 off 70):	Revised Format Attached - Ref Corrigendum#01
6	Commercial Volume I of II	Which party takes care of taxes, duties and the likes and what is the statutory percentage	Exoneration certificate will be provided by SIPI Benin, only approx 2% surcharge contractor has to pay.
7	SOR	With reference to the SOR Note 7a. kindly clarify the Materials handling, transportation, liaison, port fee, custom duties deemed to be included in the quote but not including taxes and duties	Exoneration certificate will be provided by SIPI Benin, only approx 2% surcharge contractor has to pay.
8	Commercial Volume I of II	We propose for you to allow joint venture participation in the tender with presence in Benin along with condition put forth as the technical bidder shall provide a comfort letter/ guarantees as required assuming all obligations under the contract for timely completion of the project in all aspects. Also, an undertaking to provide necessary financial and technical support to the Joint venture partner. This is being generally followed on Oil & Gas Tenders.	No Change Tender Condition Prevails
9	Commercial Volume I of II	Will a qualified Bidder be allowed for Sub Contract after due approvals from you and what best mechanism can be put forth for regular payments to sub-contractor to ensure early completion of the project.	Overall subletting of the contract or major part of the project is strictly not allowed. The main bidder must execute the project by themselves. However Subcontractors for local labor supply and other misc. civil work will be allowed only with prior approval of EIC.
10	Commercial Volume I of II	Status of import duty/ Taxes if any, for Equipment's and consumables imported in Benin for execution of the project?	Exoneration certificate will be provided by SIPI Benin, only approx 2% surcharge contractor has to pay.
11	Commercial Volume I of II	Clarification sought for status on Duties & Taxes at time of exiting the balance consumables and equipment's after completion of the project?	No taxes
12	Commercial Volume I of II	Payment made against Running Bills will be payable at India/ Benin/ Dubai?	Payments shall be released after certifying the Quantities by the TPI Agency / Engineer-in-Charge. Service Tax as per Government of Republic of Benin Rules & Regulations shall be paid extra over & above quoted value. The payment shall be made on the bank details provided by the bidder.



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13	Commercial Volume I of II	Is there any restrictions / law on deputing external workmen (Labour)?	80% Local & 20% Expat. Additional expact will be allowed on exceptional basis and under the exclusive and express need to meet the requirements of the contractors after a proven lack of domestic manpower.
14	Commercial Volume I of II	Will Work permit be allowed based on Letter of Award?	Yes
15	Commercial Volume I of II	Please clarify the price reduction system and if any compensation shall be provided for reasons attributable to the owner and ROU issues, etc. as idling charges would be enormous and mobilisation, demobilization will not be possible.	Projects is already planned in sch a way, that avilability of material such as line pipes, valves, fittings etc shall be made availabe before commencing of laying work. Also ROU for the complete pipeline stretch is already in place. Hence we do not force any ideal situation in the project.
16	Commercial Volume I of II	Is tender providing any safeguards or cost indexing method towards Price Escalation in the cost inputs?	Refer Clause 6.1 of GCC, no escalation will be entertained during Rate Validity Period
17	Commercial Volume I of II	Is there any cap on liability of contractor due to any accident/ mishap at site?	Refer Clause 34.4 of GCC, Page No. 35 of 70
18	Commercial Volume I of II	Place of Arbitration for any disputes if arisen in future?	Refer Clause 45.6 of GCC, The arbitration proceeding shall be in English language and the venue shall be at Republic of Benin, West Africa.
<b>TECHNICAL</b>			
1	Technical Volume II of II	No typical drawings available with tender for ROW, Trench detail, TCP items, Crossings, Markers etc. with tender. Requesting to provide all Typical Drawings.	Please Refer Clause 34.0 Standard Drawings in Technical Volume II of II
2	Technical Volume II of II	Requesting you to provide alignment sheets & KMZ file for proposed project	To be shared with Bidder to whom the Contract is Awarded
3	Technical Volume II of II	ROW width not mentioned, please indicate same	ROW width is 30m
4	Technical Volume II of II	Understand no “hard barricading” mandatory requirement for entire ROW, except for some special areas.	Bidder understanding is correct. Only areas prone to public handling shall have hard barricading.
5	Technical Volume II of II	Unit for Restoration items (Item no. 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, & 9.4) should be in “Sq.m” instead of “Meter”.	Tender condition prevails.
6	Technical Volume II of II	Unit for “Repair and Defects.....” Item no. 17.1 should be in “Inch” instead of “ Inch Dia” and Item no. 17.2 should be in “Sq.cm” instead of “Sq.m”	Tender condition prevails.
7	Technical Volume II of II	For Item no. 19.1, Please provide more details al least length and diameter for existing pipeline	SIPI-BENIN to confirm in between distance of 2 SVs on either sides of cold tap area for intertization of existing pipeline section of 10” dia size.
8	Technical Volume II of II	Please provide distance between Company’s designated stockyard/store to actual site location.	Contractor to have his own stockyard in the same vicinity.
9	Technical Volume II of II (SOR)	Please provide more details against item no. 6.1	Supply, fabrication and erection of all type of pipe supports like clamps, saddle, guide stops, cradles, lum buckles, anchors, T- posts, stockade / traestle and pipe bridge for overhead piping frames for canopy, approach ladders and platforms , crossover etc.



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10	Technical Volume II of II (SOR)	Please provide thickness of Concrete Coating of Pipes (Item no. 7)	Minimum thickness of Concrete coating shall be 75mm, please refer note 5 and 6 in typical drawing no. REPL/CGD/STD/CSP-017 on Pg No. 438 of Technical Volume II of II.
11	Technical Volume II of II	As mention in technical volume page no 46 of 466, List of machineries (If available) may be provided by SIPI-Benin on discounted rates prevailing the markets rates. Request you to please provide the rates of listed machineries as mentioned in the tender document.	14T Hydra & JCB @ 2 Million XOF/Month each
12	Technical Volume II of II	As no item rate has been asked in SOR, so we understand there is no intelligent pigging required before gas in. But in clause no 15 (page 39 of 466 of technical document) showing requirement of intelligent pigging in DLP time please clarify.	Clause no. 15.0 is for MAINTENANCE DURING DEFECTS LIABILITY PERIOD and also rectification of defects during defect liability period (DLP).
13	Technical Volume II of II	We understand there is no EGP requirement before gas in as no SOR item mention.	Yes
14	Technical Volume II of II	Kindly confirm Pipeline laying/installation deemed to include associated welding works	Included
15	Technical Volume II of II	Kindly provide More Clarifications around pipeline tying/hookup points /details needed to enable us quote accurately	Please Refer Clause 34.0 Standard Drawings in Technical Volume II of II
16	Technical Volume II of II (SOR)	With reference to the SOR Bill No. 10 & 11, kindly provide details of valve pit drawing	Please refer Standard drawing REPL/CGD/STD/CSP-045
17	Technical Volume II of II (SOR)	Will excavator be allowed to work in stretches parallel to metallic roads?	Yes