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<b>BIDDER 'A'</b>					
1	Clause 17 Under Section-1-2.Instructions to Bidders	17 of 106	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	EMD is 5,00,000/-. Are MSME Bidders exempted for paying EMD for the subject tender.	<p>MSME Bidders who are registered with District Industries Centre (DIC) or National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) or Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum or any other body specified by the Ministry of MSME for similar nature of works are exempted from payment of EMD. They are required to submit the documentary proof of such registration along with QR code, for claiming the available exemptions and a scanned copy of Exemption Certificate duly notarized shall be uploaded in the e - Tender Portal. If the Registration Certificate does not pertain to Similar Works as defined in Clause 12 of Instructions to Bidders of the Bid Document, the Bid will be rejected.</p> <p>Please see Clause 20.1 (b) of Instructions to Bidders of Bid Document.</p> <p>Please see Addendum/ Corrigendum No.4 also.</p>

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2	Clause 12 (a) Under Section-1 - 2.Instructions to Bidders	15 of 106	Minimum Eligibility Criteria	As per the Minimum Eligibility Criteria (MEC), will the work done in rivers using boats for installing the rigs will be considered for the subject tender.	No.  Tender Conditions shall prevail.
3	Clause 1.3 (i) Under Section-1 - 2.Instructions to Bidders	10 of 106	Equipments	Can we use boats to carry out geotechnical investigation work in case the work is awarded to us instead of jackup platform.	No. Use of boats alone to carry out geotechnical investigation work is not permitted.  Jackup platform or suitable equipments can be used which includes staging platform which can rest on sea bed with the approval of Engineer-in-Charge.
<b>BIDDER 'B'</b>					
4	Section-1 - 3. Form of Bid  Section-1 - 5. Contract Data - Sl. No.12  Clause 2(i) Under	28 of 106  34 of 106  63 of 106	Commencement of the Work	Kindly confirm the expected date of Job award and the date of commencement of the work.	The work order is expected to be issued by the end of July, 2024 and accordingly, work shall be commenced by the end of August, 2024.

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	Section-III - 1. General Description of Work				
5	Clause 1.2 Under Section-1 - 2.Instructions to Bidders  Clause 3.2 Under Section-III - 1. General Description of Work	10 of 106  64 of 106	Coordinates of the borehole locations	Please share the Coordinates of the borehole locations for the better understanding.	Five nos. drawings showing proposed locations of the boreholes are attached at Section - IV of the Bid Document. Exact locations will be finalised in mutual consultation during execution of the Work.
6	Clause 9.7 Under Section-III - 1. General Description of Work	69 of 106	Permission for the deployment of the men at Work in Lakshadweep.	Kindly confirm any special permission to be obtained or the formalities to be done for the deployment of the men at work in Lakshadweep.	Permits are required for the staff and for the men at Work. CoPA will render all necessary assistance for getting permits from the Lakshadweep Authorities for which the successful Bidder has to submit all the requisite details and supporting documents.

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7	-	-	Availability of suitable waterfront and minimum water depth	Please confirm the availability of suitable waterfront to launch our Jack Up Barge. We would require 30m X 40 m (minimum) area on Jetty to do the assembling. The minimum water depth required at the water front to launch the SEP is 2.50 m.	<p>The required area may not be available on existing Jetties. Requisite land area can be made available at nearby areas as per the availability.</p> <p>Please refer Clause 8 under Section-1 - 2. Instructions to Bidders regarding Site Visit.</p> <p>The approximate Bathymetry contour lines in the project area are available in the drawings kept at Section - IV of the Bid Document.</p> <p>The latest Bathymetry Charts of the islands will be shared to the successful Bidder.</p>
8	-	-	Availability of telescopic cranes	Kindly confirm the availability of telescopic cranes having capacity ranges from 60 m to 80 m with boom length of 35m to 40m.	<p>The availability of such cranes may be collected from the islands.</p> <p>Please refer Clause 8 under Section-1 - 2. Instructions to Bidders regarding Site Visit.</p>
9	Clause 4.7 Under Section-III - 1. General Description of Work	67 of 106	Bathymetry	Please confirm the minimum & Maximum water depth at the proposed borehole (Marine/Lagoon) locations	<p>The approximate Bathymetry contour lines in the project area are available in the drawings kept at Section - IV of the Bid Document.</p> <p>The latest Bathymetry Charts of the islands will be shared to the successful Bidder.</p>

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10	Schedule-II-Price Bid	1,2,5, 6,9 & 10 of 12	Rock coring	We understand that the rock coring is not covered in the scope. Please confirm.	Rock coring is covered in the scope of this Work. Please refer Sl. Nos. 3, 4,5,6,33,34,35,36,63,64,65 and 66 of Schedule - II. Please see Addendum/ Corrigendum No.4 also
11	Schedule-II-Price Bid	-	Use of Guar gum instead of Bentonite slurry	Kindly confirm whether the use of Guar gum is permitted instead of Bentonite slurry.	Guar gum can be permitted instead of Bentonite slurry on submission of sufficient documents to prove the suitability and its cost details. In case the cost is less than the Bentonite slurry, the rate of the item will be reduced proportionately.
12	-	-	Telescopic way of drilling/boring	Kindly confirm the acceptability of the telescopic way of drilling/boring to advance the borehole.	Telescopic way of drilling/boring will be accepted on submission of sufficient documents proving its technical suitability.
13	-	-	Calyx drilling rigs	We presume that the Calyx drilling rigs can be used to do the land boreholes	Calyx drilling rigs will be accepted on submission of sufficient documents to prove its suitability.
14	Schedule-II-Schedule of	4, 8 & 12 of	Conducting Plate Load Test as per standard IS codes,	Please confirm the location details and the specification of	Approximate location details are available in the Drawings kept at Section - IV of the Bid

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	Quantity	12	including cost of materials, consumables, labour etc., complete on land	the plate load test to be conducted.	Document. The specification of the plate load test shall be as per IS 1888. Please see Addendum/ Corrigendum No.4 also
15	-	-	Geotechnical & Bathymetry data	Please share the earlier geotechnical & bathymetry data if any available. This will help us to plan the equipment accordingly. The borehole logs shared in the Final Bid document is not readable.	The approximate Bathymetry contour lines in the project area are available in the drawings kept at Section - IV of the Bid Document. The latest Bathymetry Charts of the islands will be shared to the successful Bidder. The available borehole log details at Androth, Kadmath and Kalpeni are enclosed as Annexure - I, II and III respectively.
16	-	-	Availability of the tide pole	Please confirm the availability of the tide pole nearby to the locations to determine the bed level at the proposed borehole locations. If not, we will have to refer the local tide chart to derive the bed level at each locations. Kindly confirm the acceptancy.	Accepted

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17	Clause 6 Under Section-III - 1. General Description of Work	68 of 106	Contractor's Laboratory	Kindly confirm whether we can do the proposed testing in our own laboratory situated in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.	Not Accepted. Tender Condition shall prevail.



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