

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD
Highways Division Kotli Azad Jammu & Kashmir
NOTICE FOR INVITING E-BIDDING

(Under Single Stage-Two Envelope E-Bidding System)

Highways Division Kotli Azad Kashmir Communication & Works Department, Govt. of Azad Jammu & Kashmir invites Electronic Bid in accordance with AJK PPRA Rules 36(b) as per Single Stage-Two Envelope Bidding Procedure from the eligible Firms/Contractors licensed by the Pakistan Engineering Council and having endorsement in C&W Govt AJ&K for FY 2025-26 in appropriate category as mentioned against each work in column 5 below with Specialization Code CE 01 & 02 for Bridges. Bidders desirous to bid as Joint Venture must get prior approval from the Employer for bidding as Joint Venture.

Sr. #	Name of the Work	Technical Sanction No. & Date	Estimated Cost (Million)	Contractor/ Firm Category	Bid Security (Rupees)	Schedule of E-Bid Submission/ Opening	Completion Period
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Construction of Gulpur Bridge On KGK Road at Km No 21 Span 220 meter District Kotli.	No.712/DB/CE/H. Ways/2025 Dated: 19-12-2025	749.835	C-2 & above (CE 01 & 02)	2,25,000,00	Date: 13-01-2026 Time: 12:30 pm	30 Months

- 1 The newly registered bidders are directed to get username and login details from IT Section, Office of The Chief Engineer Highway (North) Block H, DHQ Muzaffarabad. Bidders/Firms which are registered with E-Bidding in the Department can use already provided username & password.
- 2 Bidding Documents and instructions to Bidders can be downloaded from contractor's dashboard. Moreover, detail of road and drawings can be obtained from office of Executive Engineer PWD Highways Division, Kotli during office hours.
- 3 The interested bidders shall upload scanned copy of Bank Receipt showing proof of deposit of Bid Security as mentioned in column 6 above, in the Divisional Joint Account:
 - (i) Account No:PK94NBPA1848003064215522 (National Bank of Pakistan District Courts Branch Kotli AJ&K)
 - (ii) Account No:10316001 (Bank of Azad Jammu & Kashmir Main Branch Kotli AJ&K 005)
 - (iii) Account No:10801001 (Bank of Azad Jammu & Kashmir Lorry Adda Branch Kotli AJ&K 066) along with their relevant documents on its Dashboard.
- 4 Performance security is fixed as 5% of bid price. However, Any Contractor/ Firm, who quotes its rates below than 10% of Engineering Estimates, shall submit additional Performance security equal to 5% of its bid price in the light of clause#39 of AJK-PPRA Rules. The Contractor/Firm shall submit this performance security in form of CDR or unconditional on demand bank guarantee from scheduled bank of Pakistan having its branches in AJK or Bank of AJK as amount mentioned in Letter of Acceptance.
- 5 The bid securities of unsuccessful bidders will be returned through Divisional Cheque upon award of the contract to the successful bidder(s) or on the expiry of validity of bid, whichever is earlier.

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- 6 Electronic Bidding shall be done on percentage (Above/Below/At par) Basis. Only Two digits after the decimal point shall be considered for evaluation purposes.
- 7 Blacklisted Firms/Contractors/Companies/Suppliers/Distributors are not allowed to participate in the bidding process. The interested bidders shall furnish an affidavit/certificate that they are neither blacklisted nor involved in conflict with Govt. anywhere in territory of the state of AJK or federally administered areas/all provinces of Islamic Republic of Pakistan.
- 8 The interested bidders shall upload Letter of Bid of the Firm/Contractor, other documents required for qualification/responsiveness as per Bid Data Sheet on E-Bidding Dashboard.
- 9 A minimum requirement for above mentioned work will be to have successfully completed at least two projects of similar nature (i- **Balanced Cantilever pre-stressed box Bridge project with the span of at least 120 meter** ii- **Pre-Stressed Girder Bridge with pile foundation project with the span of at least 120 meter or more**) in the last 5 years besides, in addition other requirements which are elaborated in the Bidding document. In case of Joint Venture, leading partner must have completed one contract of similar nature (i- **Balanced cantilever pre-stressed box Bridge project with the minimum span of 120 meter & other member must have completed Pre-Stressed Girder Bridge with pile foundation project with the minimum span of 120 meter or more**).
- 10 Hard copy of Original Bank Receipts along with Bidding Documents (Technical / Financial) duly signed & stamped by the Contractor/Firm must be submitted in the relevant office of the Executive Engineer Highways Division Kotli within 48 hours after opening of bid through E-Bidding system.
- 11 In E-Bidding System, the software supports only PDF file Format for Technical Profile uploading option, therefore interested bidders shall upload their Technical Profile in PDF file format only.
- 12 Any Bidder(s) who provides incorrect information or does not submit hard copies of complete bidding documents including those documents uploaded on its dashboard, shall stand disqualified and will be banned for at least 6 months for participation in any type of bidding procedure on E. Bidding.
- 13 The competent authority reserves the rights to reject all or any bid under the Clause 33 of AJK PPRA Rules.

Note: This Notice is also available on following websites:

- i) <https://ajkppra.gov.pk/>
- ii) <https://cwd.ajk.gov.pk>


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Subject: Minutes of Pre-Bid Meeting

A Pre-Bid Meeting regarding project "Construction of Gulpur Bridge on KGK road at KM 21 Span 220 meters, District Kotli" was held on 7-1-2026 in the office of Superintending Engineer PWD Highway Division Kotli. The meeting was attended by following.

1. **Engr. Inam Ul Haq** Superintending Engineer
2. **Engr. Ishtiaq Ahmad** Executive Engineer PWD Highway Division Kotli
3. **Engr. Shahzada Aurangzeb** Executive Engineer PWD Highway Division Bhimber
4. **Mr. Waheed Khan** Circle HDM
5. **Mr. Muhammad Saeed** HDM Highways Division Kotli
6. **Representatives of firms**

The meeting started with the recitation of Holy Verses. At the outset, Superintending Engineer welcomed all the participants and briefed that Public Works Department is undertaking the construction of a Pre-stressed Box Girder type bridge on KGK Road KM 21 near Gulpur over river Poonch, having a total span length of 220 meters. The project is aimed at improving all-weather connectivity, reducing travel time, and ensuring safe passage across the river Poonch. The proposed bridge structure is designed by Central Design Office GoAJK including approach roads, protection works, drainage, and ancillary works, in accordance with relevant ASTM & AASHTO specifications.

The purpose of Pre Bid meeting is clarification of technical, contractual, and BOQ-related issues prior to bid submission. During the meeting detailed discussion was carried out on span arrangement, substructure (abutments, piers, pile foundations), and superstructure system. Emphasis was placed on foundation design based on geotechnical investigation, pile load capacity, scour depth, and protection works. Concrete grades, reinforcement detailing, bearing types, expansion joints, parapets, crash barriers, and wearing course were also explained in detail.

Design parameters for approach embankments, including sub-grade preparation, compaction standards, granular sub-base, base course, and bituminous wearing surface, were elaborated. Drainage provisions, side slopes, retaining/protection walls, and tie-in with the existing KGK Road geometry were discussed.

The representatives of participating firms raised the following technical and contractual queries related to the Bill of Quantities (BOQ):

1. **Carriage of Materials:** Concern was raised regarding the non-inclusion of separate BOQ items for carriage of construction materials, particularly cement, aggregates, reinforcement steel considering site accessibility and haulage distances.
2. **Boring of Piles:** Concern was raised that on-site geological conditions suggest presence of hard strata whereas rate of boring in BOQ is for ordinary soil.
3. **Additional Cost of Admixtures in Concrete:** Clarification was sought on the absence of a distinct BOQ item for chemical admixtures, including plasticizers/superplasticizers, retarders, or other performance-enhancing additives required to achieve workability, strength, and durability as per specifications.
4. **Use of Gantry/Formwork System:** Firms highlighted that gantry system / launching girder or specialized formwork for superstructure construction was not separately catered for in the BOQ, despite its significant cost implication for long-span bridge construction.


It was clarified by the department that the BOQ has been prepared based on MRS Punjab schedule of rates for District Rawalpindi as enforced in District Kotli. The TS rates include the relevant factor for carriage in all BOQ items which should be considered by interested firms while quoting their rates. However, the cost of admixtures is not included in the rate of concrete. Furthermore, the rate for Piles is based on design provided by CDO which will be revisited after detailed geotechnical report at execution stage. It was also clarified that the department will not introduce additional BOQ items at this stage for carriage, admixtures, hard strata piling or gantry/formwork systems, however, in the interest of the project it is appropriate to get rates of above items at the time of submission of bid.

Conclusion:

After detailed deliberation, it was concluded and agreed that:

1. Each bidding firm shall independently assess site conditions, construction methodology, material sources, and logistics, and quote their rates based on BOQ items.
2. The interested firms shall separately incorporate the cost implications of various items highlighted above. It was decided that separate rates shall be quoted for use of chemical admixtures in concrete to meet specified performance criteria, boring of piles in hard strata and deployment of gantry system or any specialized formwork/launching arrangement. These rates shall be applicable, if so required, after the recommendations of geotechnical report of the site.
3. The firms shall consider BOQ for their quoted bid rates, without considering additional items discussed above.
4. Valuation of varied work shall be based on detailed geotechnical report and revised design, if required. Such Additions/Deduction from the BOQ will be dealt with, during the execution phase, in light of Contract Agreement.
5. The minutes of meeting shall be uploaded on PPRA website for information and compliance of interested firms.

The meeting ended with the understanding that bidders shall submit their bids in strict compliance with the bidding documents, technical specifications, and clarified position during the pre-bid meeting.



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(Member/Secretary Bid Opening & Evaluation Committee)