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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

For Appointment of Consultant for Planning, Design and Development of Sky Walk at Biodiversity Park, Sabarmati Riverfront

1. Introduction

Sabarmati Riverfront Development Corporation Limited (SRFDCL) is implementing the Sabarmati Riverfront Development Project with the objective of improving the environmental condition of the river and enhancing the quality of urban life by creating accessible public spaces along the river.

Under this project, lower promenades and upper promenades have been developed on both banks of the river along with various recreational and public infrastructure facilities. Sabarmati Riverfront has become a major attraction for visitors and tourists by providing leisure spaces, gardens, event areas, and boating activities.

In continuation of these developments, SRFDCL proposes to develop a Sky Walk within the Biodiversity Park of Sabarmati Riverfront to enhance visitor experience and provide an elevated pathway allowing visitors to enjoy the biodiversity landscape and riverfront surroundings.

SRFDCL therefore invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from reputed and experienced Architects / Landscape Architects / Structural Consultants / Horticulture Firms / Multidisciplinary Design Firms for providing consultancy services for the proposed project.

2. Project Brief

The proposed Sky Walk at Biodiversity Park is envisioned as an elevated pedestrian pathway integrated within the natural landscape of the park, allowing visitors to experience biodiversity and scenic views while maintaining minimal disturbance to the ecological environment.

The project aims to:

- Enhance visitor experience within the Biodiversity Park
- Promote ecological awareness and nature appreciation
- Create a unique architectural attraction at Sabarmati Riverfront
- Integrate the structure with existing landscape and biodiversity features

The project shall be implemented strictly as an eco-sensitive public infrastructure initiative and shall not alter the character of the biodiversity.

3. Eligibility Criteria

Interested consultants/firms shall meet the following minimum criteria:

1. The firm must be a registered company/proprietorship / partnership firm / LLP and shall not have been blacklisted or debarred by any Government department or public authority.
2. The firm must have experience 10 years in design of skywalks, elevated walkways, canopy walkways, bridges, urban landscape experience, viewing decks, eco-tourism infrastructure or urban landscape design with iconic structures.
3. The firm must have completed at least one urban landscape project which includes master planning element and unique structure design. Project should cost at least 50+ lakh Rupees.
4. The firm must have done one similar project and one landscape project each of at least 12000 sqm areas.
5. The firm must possess adequate technical staff including licensed Landscape architect and qualified Landscape architect.
6. The lead architect should be registered with Council of Architecture (COA).
7. The consultant shall get all structural drawings/designs vetted and certified by a qualified Structural Engineer/Structural Designer having 10 years of experience and submit the structural stability certificate along with the drawings.

Preference will be given to firms having experience in iconic public projects or internationally recognised projects. JV is permissible only for bringing additional expertise on board. All the eligibility criteria must be fulfilled by the lead firm.

4. Submission Requirements

Interested agencies/parties shall submit the following documents:

1. Company profile with organizational structure
2. Certificate of registration of the firm/company
3. Details of similar projects completed
4. Details of technical team proposed for the project
5. GST Registration certificate
6. Financial proposal as per **Annexure–A**
7. **Draft concept plan/design**

5. Short listing and Presentation

Based on the submitted EOI documents, SRFDCL will shortlist suitable consultants who are eligible for conceptual presentation.

Shortlisted consultants will be invited to give a **conceptual presentation** before the evaluation committee covering:

- Concept design for the Sky Walk
- Planning approach and design concept
- Scope of services and deliverables
- Preliminary project cost estimate

Only those agencies whose conceptual design is approved by the committee, their **financial proposals will be opened**.

6. Submission of EOI

The EOI shall be submitted **in physical form along with the financial bid as per Annexure-A (Original and Duplicate)** in sealed cover (Signed EOI with Experience certificates along with EOI fee in One sealed Cover, Financial bid in second sealed cover and both sealed covers in one main cover) at the following address:

General Manager (Admin & Finance)
Sabarmati Riverfront Development Corporation Limited (SRFDCL)
2nd Floor, Riverfront House
Behind H K Arts College
Pramukh Swami Maharaj Marg
Riverfront West, Ahmedabad – 380009

Last Date for Submission:
06th November 2026 up to 16:00 Hrs.

The EOI shall include a **non-refundable processing fee of Rs. 5,000/- payable through Demand Draft in favour of SRFDCL**.

EOI submissions will be opened on **07th November 2026 at 11:00 Hrs.** in presence of bidders who wish to remain present.

7. Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation of EOI shall be carried out by SRFDCL based on the following criteria:

- Experience in similar projects
- Experience of technical team
- Understanding of project objectives

8. Scope of Consultancy Services

The consultant shall provide comprehensive consultancy services including but not limited to the following:

Concept Planning

- Site analysis and planning for Sky Walk alignment
- Development of conceptual design and theme
- Identification of viewing decks, access points, and resting areas
- The agency shall prepare a concept plan and detailed design of the proposed skywalk including alignment, structural configuration, viewing decks, resting areas, and other associated features.
- The design shall ensure proper integration of the structure with the surrounding Biodiversity landscape while maintaining minimal physical intervention on the ground.

Design requirement:

- The width of Skywalk shall be 2.5 to 3.0m
- The Height of skywalk shall be 4.5m
- The approach shall be with ramp and stair. The ramp shall be suitable for Disable person.
- Materials shall be M.S.
- The flooring shall be with perforations
- The railing shall be of M.S. with wooden handrail
- The structure shall be designed as per relevant IS standards.
- The estimated cost of the project will be 4.5-5.0 Cr.

Design Development

- Preparation of architectural and structural design
- Integration with existing landscape and ecological features
- Design of railings, safety barriers, lighting, signage, and access points
- The agency shall undertake structural design and engineering of the skywalk including preparation of detailed drawings, technical specifications, structural calculations and safety standards required for construction.
- The design shall be developed in such a manner that the structural footprint in the biodiversity is minimized and disturbance to existing tree roots, soil conditions and ecosystem is avoided as far as practicable.

Technical Documentation

- Preparation of detailed drawings and specifications
- Preparation of cost estimates and BOQ
- Preparation of tender documents

Construction Support

- Technical support during tender stage
- Periodical site visits during construction
- Review of contractor drawings and execution monitoring
- The agency shall execute construction of the elevated pedestrian skywalk using suitable materials and structural systems.
- The work shall include installation of railings, safety barriers, anti-skid flooring, lighting, signage, surveillance systems and other necessary infrastructure required for safe public use.
- All construction activities shall be carried out in a controlled manner so as to avoid unnecessary disturbance to the biodiversity and its surrounding area.
- The selected agency shall ensure that construction activities are undertaken in a manner that minimizes ecological disturbance. In particular:

  → the structure shall be designed with minimal foundation footprint;
  → damage to tree roots and natural drainage patterns shall be avoided;
  → heavy machinery shall be used only where absolutely necessary and in a controlled manner;
  → Removal of trees, if unavoidable, shall be carried out only with prior approval of the SRFDCL and concerned competent authority.

9. General Terms & Conditions

1. The agency shall obtain plan permission from Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, approvals from the State Forest Department where applicable, structural safety certification, fire safety approvals and any other statutory clearance required under applicable laws.
2. The agency will have to done site visit at own cost.
3. The consultant shall be well aware of **GDCR and AMC Bye-laws**.
4. Structural design shall comply with **latest BIS codes and safety standards**.
5. The agency shall ensure that the existing trees and vegetation are protected during construction activities, disturbance to the natural terrain and soil conditions is kept to the minimum extent possible, construction debris or waste is not disposed within the forest area, suitable waste management measures are implemented for visitors, and landscaping and ecological restoration measures are undertaken wherever necessary. The agency shall visit the site and collect necessary information on its own cost and expense before preparing the proposal.
6. At least **two alternative design options** shall be presented.
7. Variation in final project cost shall not exceed **±15% of estimated amount**.
8. Detailed drawings and estimates shall be submitted **within 15 days from the date of appointment**.
9. SRFDCL reserves the right to **accept or reject any or all proposals without assigning any reason**.
10. Cost of preparing proposal or presentation shall **not be reimbursed by SRFDCL**.
11. The project shall be undertaken strictly in accordance with applicable statutory provisions including but not limited to:

    - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
    - Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
    - Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, wherever applicable

    Any activity involving removal of trees shall be undertaken only after obtaining permission from the competent authority in accordance with applicable rules and regulations. Wherever directed by SRFDCL, compensatory plantation or environmental mitigation measures shall be carried out by the selected agency.

12. The skywalk shall have appropriate safety features including:
    - durable structural system designed for pedestrian load
    - anti-skid flooring
    - protective railings and barriers
    - adequate lighting arrangements
    - CCTV surveillance systems
    - universal accessibility provisions including ramps or lifts
    - proper drainage and rainwater management systems
13. The selected agency shall be responsible for ensuring structural safety of the skywalk and safety of visitors using the facility.
14. The agency shall indemnify SRFDCL/AMC against any loss, damage, accident, environmental harm or legal liability arising out of the design, construction or operation of the project.
15. In the event that activities undertaken by the selected agency result in significant environmental damage or violation of applicable environmental laws, the authority

shall have the right to issue directions for corrective action and, if necessary, suspend or terminate the agreement without any liability on its part.

16. Any cost incurred for environmental restoration or damage shall be recoverable from the selected agency.
17. The selected agency shall also be responsible for operation and maintenance of the facility during the defect liability period, including:

    - routine structural inspection
    - cleaning and upkeep of the skywalk and associated areas
    - maintenance of safety installations
    - Safety monitoring.

10. Payment Schedule

Stage	Description	% of Total Fees
Stage 1	Concept Design and Preliminary Estimate	10%
Stage 2	Tender Documentation	20%
Stage 3	Working Drawings, Specifications and BOQ	10%
Stage 4	During Construction	30%
Stage 5	On Virtual Completion	25%
Retention	Up to six months after completion	5%

11. Disclaimer

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals without assigning any reason and may modify or cancel the EOI process at any stage.

The proposed skywalk shall be developed strictly as a public utility infrastructure intended for pedestrian movement, environmental awareness and recreational purposes.

The development of the skywalk shall not alter the legal status or land use classification of the project site. The land shall continue to remain recorded as Biodiversity. The project shall be limited to development of eco-friendly public infrastructure such as elevated walkways, viewing platforms and safety installations. No permanent commercial construction shall be permitted within the biodiversity area except such public utility structures as may be specifically approved by the SRFDCL.

The selected agency shall ensure that the project does not lead to commercialization of the urban forest area. No permanent commercial construction, advertising structures or similar activities shall be permitted within the project area except such public utility facilities as may be specifically approved by SRFDCL.

Nothing contained in this EOI or in any agreement executed pursuant to it shall be construed as granting any right for commercial exploitation of the biodiversity

The selected agency shall be fully responsible for the structural integrity, safety and stability of the skywalk and all associated installations.

The agency shall ensure that the design and construction of the structure complies with applicable engineering standards, safety codes and relevant guidelines issued by competent authorities.

During the period of operation and maintenance, the agency shall undertake regular inspections and maintenance of the structure and shall take all necessary measures to ensure safety of visitors.

The agency shall also obtain appropriate insurance coverage, including public liability insurance, to cover any accident, injury or damage arising from the use or operation of the skywalk.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this EOI or any agreement executed pursuant to it, the authority shall retain the right to modify, suspend or revoke the permission granted for the project in the larger public interest or in the event of any statutory or environmental requirement. In such circumstances, the decision of SRFDCL shall be final and binding.

All designs, drawings, technical specifications, documents, and other materials prepared or developed under this project shall be the sole and exclusive property of SRFDCL, and the agency shall have no right to use, reproduce, or disclose the same without the prior written consent of SRFDCL.

The selected agency shall not claim any ownership rights over the project site, design and drawings of the skywalk and shall not be entitled to claim any compensation except as may be provided under the applicable agreement, if any.

Signature of Bidder with Seal
Name of Authorized Signatory:
Designation:
Date:
Place:

Encl: AUTOCAD Drawing of Pathway where skywalk is to be designed.

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Annexure – A

Financial Proposal Format

(To be submitted in **separate sealed cover**)

Name of Project: Consultancy Services for Planning, Design and Development of Sky Walk at Biodiversity Park, Sabarmati Riverfront.

The architect/designer shall quote consultancy fees as a **percentage (%) of the total project cost (without GST)** for providing consultancy services for the planning, design, preparation of drawings, estimates, tender documents, and supervision for the development of the Sky Walk at Biodiversity Park, Sabarmati Riverfront. The quoted fees shall include all professional charges, and **GST on consultancy fees shall be applicable as per prevailing government rules**.

Consultancy Fees Quoted: _____ % (in words: _____) of the total project cost.

Signature of Bidder with Seal
Date:
Place: