

Hiring of Services for Conducting Tests at Jam Sadiq Bridge, Karachi - Response to Queries

S. No.	Query	Response
1	Test conducting agencies/ firms/ contractors shall obtain clearance from the relevant authority/agency for their staff to be deployed at site and to work within the restricted areas	The Procuring Agency will provide all possible assistance and facilitation within its reach and will assist in coordination with the agencies, however, Bidders are responsible for the Services to be performed and necessary clearances.
2	Test conducting agencies/ firms/ contractors shall carryout testing so as not to damage any part of the structure.	Yes, extraction of cores and CAPO test activities are excluded from clause 3(h). However, the structural members from where the specimen are taken/extracted and/or other members should not be damaged/harmed during the testing activities.
3	We have observed occupational areas during our visit, we have some concern regarding the access during work, kindly specify who will be responsible to create access over there	Refer Point No. 1.
4	Arrangement of generator, water, and other necessary tools or equipment for execution of work, does these items also be included in our scope of work	Yes, all these arrangements shall be in the scope of the test conducting agency/contractor and will be inclusive of all costs and taxes.
5	Permission to perform destructive work	The selected agency/contractor will be provided assistance by the Client in obtaining permission.
6	Availability of drawings for marking.	There are no drawings available for the bridge. The test conducting agency/contractor will have to prepare their own layouts/schematic drawings to show the test points/locations. Successful bidder shall submit these drawings to NESPAK for review & comments before the start of testing.
7	As we have associated labs for testing, do we need to submit an agreement/letter of association for it	Yes, the Bidder needs to substantiate their association with agreements / letter of association.
8	We would like to suggest some more testing that will be helpful for NESPAK to make decision on concrete strength (reference FORM-3). However, kindly advice if we have to include its costing separately too?	All the tests shall be conducted as per TOR. However, suggestions may be given in the specified form-3. Cost of suggestion / recommendation shall not be provided.
9	Please advice for testing on deck slab, can we do it from top or it is necessary to perform test from the bottom of slab	Generally, the cores from the deck slabs are extracted from top. Extracting cores from bottom will have chances of damage to cores, machine and the accident of vehicle moving over the deck slab at same spot and instance of drill bit cutting up to the full thickness of the deck.