



NEWSLETTER

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SOCIETY OF CONSULTING ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING FIRMS
(SCAEF), NEPAL
(A National Body of Consulting Firms Recognized by Government of Nepal)

Editorial



In continuation to its commitment to the primary tenets of Communication, Capacity-Building and Promotion of Professional Ethics and Integrity in pertinence to the consulting industry of Nepal as elucidated during the Newsletter Issue #1 and #2, #3, a comprehensive Newsletter #4, Newsletter Issue #5, I am very pleased to announce the issuance of Newsletter Issue #6 which provides a comprehensive description of the various events/milestones conducted/achieved by SCAEF's Executive Committee during the period. It is to be noted that the activities as completed during this particular time-frame are in strict consonance with SCAEF's overarching philosophy regarding the promotion of consulting industry in Nepal, and the various interlinked

activities to facilitate the same. Therefore, it has covered a broad range of activities; from the successful conduction of various workshops, inter-agency communication/coordination, timely discussion on the contemporary issues, righteous advocacy etc. As the valued members of our fraternity, your constructive feedback on the current progress as well as your suggestions will be dearly appreciated.

Thank you!

Dr. Sudeep Adhikari
On behalf of Publication Sub-Committee

Presidents' Message



I have the pleasure to note the issuance of this SCAEF's Newsletter #6, which provides a comprehensive description of the various activities and events conducted by the SCAEF's Executive Committee during the reporting period. I believe that the continuation of the Newsletter is important for dissemination of the SCAEFs initiatives in consonance with its objective of promotion of consulting industry in Nepal. I note that it has covered a broad range of activities; inter-agency coordination, interactions on the contemporary issues, advocacy, etc. The Publication Committee is committed to welcome your suggestions for the improvement of the future Newsletters. I feel that the content of the

Newsletter very well represents the entire spectrum of SCAEF's activities during the period and can hence be circulated to member firms as well as public/ private entities, donor agencies and international networks through emails apart from posting in the SCAEF's website.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Publication Committee coordinated by Dr. Sudeep Adhikari.

Er. Tuk Lal Adhikari
President

Public Discourses

In consonance to its commitment to the professional security of its member firms, SCAEF during this period reviewed various bid documents as floated by the public entities and provided its feedback and comments to the concerned authorities to help making the documents more transparent, consistent, and in consonance with the Public Procurement guidelines. The issues were identified during the regular Executive Meetings as well as collected from the concerns shared by the member firms. SCAEF highly encourages its member firms to actively participate in this process as the part of the institutional advocacy, and also as an effort in capacity building of all the concerned parties, that is, consulting firms, consulting professionals and the Client in the procurement process. The associate Table provided the necessary details:

Bid	Bid Type	Date	Client	Issues collated, and coordinated and conveyed by SCAEF	Response from the Public Entity
Walkover Survey, Prioritization and Detail Engineering Survey, Soil Investigation, Detail Design & Report Preparation of the Bridges 1 &2	Eol	Sept. 22, 2023	Local Infrastructure Development Project Office, Lumbini Province	Geographic experience criteria, deadlines of various deliverables etc.	No official response from the client
Review of Master Plan and Architectural Design; Essential Detailed Engineering Design, Interior Design, Landscape Design, Soil Stability Assessment and Solid Waste Management for the National Defense University	Eol	Sept. 22, 2023	National Defense University Infrastructure Development Committee	Specific experience criteria pertaining to the type and cost of the building etc.	No official response from the client
Consulting Services for (a) Consulting services for Project Management and Capacity Development Consultant (PMCDC); and (b) Supervision and Design Consultant (SDC) for Infrastructure and Public Space Works in Five Municipalities in the Western Urbanizing Corridor of Nepal	Eol	Nov. 08, 2023	Department of Urban Development and Building Construction	Categorization of the specific experience of the lead and JV partners, specific mention of the certain components, ISO certification, experience of the key experts etc.	No official response from the client
Detailed Engineering Survey, Soil Investigation, Hydrological Study, Detailed Design and Report Preparation of Motorable Bridges	Eol	Dec. 15, 2023	Local Infrastructure Development Project Office (LIDPO), Bagmati Province	Minimum mark limitation in case of key experts, Experience of the key experts after Masters' degree, In-house experts etc.	No official response from the client

Capacity Building

SCAEF is well-aware of the fact that while the procurement of the service is very important, as a knowledge based industry, an optimum delivery of the product is the most pivotal requirement. Deliverance of good design, estimate and project-management are not only our professional liabilities, but they also form a part of our institutional responsibility to optimize the tax-payers' money and resources that have been invested for the development of infrastructures. This, needless to say, requires the capacity-building of our professionals to make them adapt the ever-changing ecology of knowledge, further accentuated by the ever-increasing trend of micro-specialization in recent times. With the knowledge and skills garnered



by SCAEF with the successful conduction of various trainings in past, the following training was conducted during the period. In the context of extreme climatic events where abrupt change in temperature is being noticed to be a prominent issue, green building can arguably be considered the next paradigm in urban infrastructures. Therefore, SCAEF found it imperative to conduct a pertinent training for the internalization of technical know-how of the topic among its member firms.

Program	Target Groups	Executive Role	Date
Design of Green Building	Engineers, Architects and Construction Professionals	FCAN & SCAEF in association with CBDIC	November 2 and 3, 2023
Training on MS Office Package	Engineers, architects, and Construction Professionals	FCAN & SCAEF in association with CBDIC	November 5,6 and 7, 2023
Oracle's Primavera P6 Professionals	Engineers, architects, and Construction Professionals	FCAN & SCAEF in association with CBDIC	16, 17 and 18 October, 2023
Training on Bridge Design for the Beginners (Design of RCC T-girder Bridges and RCC Abutment on Open-foundation), Nepalgunj	Engineers, architects, and Construction Professionals	FCAN & SCAEF in association with CBDIC	December 13 to 17, 2023

Major Discussions during the EC Meetings

Meeting Identification	Date	Key Issues under Discussion
EC Meeting # 742	21 st August 2023	Presentations by the Sub-committees, capacity-building of the secretariat, budgetary requirement and planning
EC Meeting # 743	4 th September 2023	FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference 2023, FIDIC Asia Pacific Conference 2023, renewal of firms , reporting from the EC members of the events they participated
EC Meeting # 744	25 th September 2023	Budget from CBDIC, approval of audit report and reporting from FIDIC Conference, Singapore 2023
EC Meeting # 745	2 nd October 2023	Preparation of sub-committees, trainings to be conducted by PCDB, Women Empowerment Programme
EC Meeting # 746	9 th October 2023	Preparation of SCAEF Day, Preparation of Scheduled Trainings, Upcoming Programmes of each Sub-committee
EC Meeting # 747	16 th October 2023	membership request from Universal Science and Management Consult (P.) Lt
EC Meeting # 748	30 th October 2023	Preparation of SCAEF Day Cum National Conference, Badminton Competition and upcoming trainings
EC Meeting # 749	6 th November 2023	Preparation and update of National Conference on “Emerging Challenges of Consulting Firms” cum 33rd SCAEF day program
EC Meeting # 750	17 th November 2023	Preparation and update of National Conference on “Emerging Challenges of Consulting Firms” cum 33rd SCAEF day program
EC Meeting # 751	4 th December 2023	Preparation and update of National Conference on “Emerging Challenges of Consulting Firms” cum 33rd SCAEF day program, approval from EC for bridge Design Training at Nepalgunj from 13th December

Exposure Visit to India in the Context of ALIGN Project and MoU with WWF Nepal

In the present context of infrastructural proliferation and the growing significance of assimilating nature-friendly interventions during the policy as well as design stage, SCAEF was acutely aware of the need of creating novel nexus for the sensitization and capacity-building of its member firms as well the consulting professionals. On that backdrop, SCAEF is also very thankful to WWF Nepal for the conduction of a week-long exposure visit to India where EC member Mr. Sudeep Adhikari participated. This was followed by the signing of MoU between SCAEF and WWF Nepal to consolidate the relationship further, to subsequently work jointly on the relevant policy interventions for the necessary changes in procurement as well as in design stages of the infrastructure projects. SCAEF Nepal and WWF Nepal, represented by Er. Tuk Lal Adhikari and Dr. Ghana Shyam Gurung respectively, inked a Memorandum of Understanding on September 7, 2023.



Inter-agency/professional Bodies Communication, Coordination and Participation



SCAEF's Participation in FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference (GIC) 2023 Led by President Mr. Tuk Lal Adhikari, alongwith EC Member Ms. Mandakini Karki.



SCAEF's Participation in FIDIC ASIA PACIFIC Conference 2023, Bangkok President Tuk Lal Adhikari with VP Thakur P Sharma, PP Dr. Hare Ram Shrestha, EC Member Ms. Mandakini Karki and Mr. Pravin Chalise.



6.14 Meeting with Ms. Kate Newman, VP of Sustainable Infrastructure/ WWF, September 20, 2023



SCAEF delegates meeting with National Statistics Office on October 12, 2023 to discuss the role of consulting industry in the overall GDP of the country



SCAEF has recently completed its successful 33rd year of establishment and a national conference titled "Emerging Challenge of Consulting Firm" was conducted on December 10, 2023 was conducted at Hotel Yak & Yeti, Kathmandu alongwith the SCAEF Day celebration.

New Member Firms' Details

SCAEF derives its strength of solidarity, righteous advocacy, capacity-building, public discourses and policy interventions from its member firms. Therefore, SCAEF is always working on broadening its reach to new consulting firms with varied expertise to serve the purpose. The table hereunder provides the details of the new member firms who has been recently associated with SCAEF. SCAEF would like to extend their gratitude for their interest to join SCAEF, and also hereby would like to welcome them in the fraternity.

Member No.	Firm's Name	Official Address	Authorized Representative
M 260	B.M.S. Nepal Pvt. Ltd.	Mahadevsthan, Kathmandu-32, Nepal	Er. Roshan Bhattra
M 261	Spiral Grid Solutions (P) Ltd.	Bhimsengola, Kathmandu	Er. Prajwol Karki
M 262	Green Nepal Engineering Service (P) Ltd.	Suryabinayak-6, Bhaktapur, Nepal	Er. Bikash Dhonju
M 263	Universal Engineering & Management Consult (P) Ltd.	Ktm-32, Jadibuti	Er. Tarun Ranjan Dutta
M 264	Samsiddhi Engineering (P) Ltd.	Pinglasthan, KMC-9, Nepal	Er. Nidar Shrestha
M 265	Platform Engineering Construction and Consultancy (P) Ltd.	New Baneshwor, Kathmandu, Nepal	Er. Parbat Bhandari

Prospective Engagements of SCAEF

Event	Organizer	Location	Participants	Duration
34th AGBM of SCAEF	SCAEF	Kathmandu	Concerned Stakeholders	29 December, 2023

Last but not the Least!

A very heart-felt congratulation to our Vice President Mr. Thakur Sharma for his publication of an article on "Climate Change Impact in Nepal" on FIDIC ASIA PACIFIC Newsletter.



Also many congratulations to our EC member Ms. Madakini Karki for being inducted into the membership committee of FIDIC during the FIDIC Annual Global Infrastructure Conference 2023 in Singapore.

