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Questions received with reference Announcement Number (IUL)438-CCD/438/2019/397 dated 26th December 2020 for Development of Financial Programme for Energy Efficient Appliances

Please find below answers for clarification for the above bid.

1. **Clause 8: Requirements for experience and qualification - Sub clause 1 – Finance expert (Team leader).**

   We would like to submit that, globally, professionals with the ToR specified experience have educational qualifications of Bachelors in Engineering along with Master's degree in Economics, Finance, Management or Engineering. We therefore, request you to kindly consider the aforementioned combination.

   Proposed amendment;

   Must have Bachelor's degree in Economics, Finance, Business, Management, engineering or any other related field; relevant higher qualification will score higher points

   A. *Terms of reference cannot be changed.*
   As stated in Section 8 – point 1 – Finance expert (Team leader) – Relevant educational qualifications will be also considered and relevant higher qualifications will score higher points.

2. **Clause 8: Requirements for experience and qualification - Sub clause 2 – Energy Efficiency expert.**

   We would like to submit that, globally, professionals with the ToR specified experience have educational qualifications of Bachelors in Engineering along with Master's degree in Economics, Finance, Management or Engineering. We therefore, request you to kindly consider the aforementioned combination.

   Proposed amendment;
   Must have Bachelor's degree in Energy Economics, ~~Energy~~ Engineering, or any other related field; relevant higher qualification will score higher points

   A. *Terms of reference cannot be changed.*
   As stated in Section 8 – point 2 – Energy Efficiency expert – Relevant educational qualifications will be also considered and relevant higher qualifications will score higher points.

3. **Clause 8: Requirements for experience and Qualification Sub clause 3 – Sector Expert (National)**

   We request you to clarify if a non-Maldives national or a resident with work permit in the Maldives can be considered Sector expert (National)

   A. Only Maldivian nationals can be proposed.

4. **Clause 12: Application**

   We are interested to participate as lead bidder in consortium with consulting firms from

   Maldives. We understand that being an international firm we shall not be required to account for applicable taxes as part of our financial proposal and ensure any tax compliance in Maldives

   or

   lead partner has to be an entity with MIRA registration ensuring all tax compliances

   A. The bidder has to be an entity with Maldives Inland Revenue Authority (MIRA) registration ensuring all tax compliances.
   Quoted USD amount will be converted to Maldivian Rufiyaa. The exchange rate will be the Maldives Monetary Authority exchange rate on the date of bid submission. Payments under the consultancy will be made in Maldivian Rufiyaa only to a local account.

5. **Clause 14: Submission**

   We request you to kindly grant time extension of 2 weeks for submission to enable us in submitting our best value proposition considering the response to pre bid queries

   Proposed amendment;

   Bid submission - On or before ~~21st January~~ February 4, 2020 at 1130 hours' local time

   A. Extension of bid submission date will be considered. Once the date is finalized , it will be publicly announced in the gazette (http://www.gazette.gov.mv/)

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6. **For 4.3 Indicative Tasks**

   Develop a financial strategy and financial programme

   What is the difference between a financial strategy and financial programme? As per our understanding, a financial programme provides roadmap and timelines for implementation of the designed financial strategy. However, considering that there is another separate task on developing an implementation programme, we would like to understand your requirements under the financial programme.

   A. Requirements of financial strategy and financial programme is as defined under Section 4-Indicative tasks, point 3.

7. **Ref Section 4, Point 5 (f) - Is there any specific number of demonstration projects which are to be conducted?**

   Section 4, points 5 (f) means that consultant should provide the support to integrate the developed financial strategy and financial prorgramme to the selected financial institute.

   We are estimating it to be 2 to 3 projects.

8. **Ref Section 4, Point 5 (g) – How many training programs need to be conducted to train 10 professionals?**

   One training program.

9. **Ref Section 4, Point 5 (c) – What are the expectations from the consultant under the scope "implement the MRV"?**

   The consultant should develop a monitoring, reporting and verification process of the developed financial programme and implement the MRV process at the selected financial institute.

10. **Ref Section 8, Point 2 Energy Efficiency Expert – Academic qualification – It is mentioned "Professional qualifications related to energy efficiency in buildings.". Should it be "Professional qualifications related to energy efficiency in appliances."?**

    It is as specified in the TOR.

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