

#	Queries	Clarification
1	Value of the Bid security and bid security validity period	MVR 70,000 per lot and bid security validity period is at least 90 days
2	What type of Bid security?	Bid security should be from a financial Institution or a bank as per PFR 10.43 ( 5.
3	How's the marks given for Education and Qualification	Please refer to RFP- TOR 1.2 Qualifications.
4	Can you elaborate on the experience requirements of the firm	Please refer to RFP Data Sheet 5.6
5	Do we have to have separate envelope for 3 separate LOT?	Yes. A separate envelope for each lot
6	Topographic maps using UAV supplemented with ground survey accuracy limitations (specifications) need to be clarified to the bidder as Land and Survey Authority standards for this nature of work is not available for public disposal	The final <b>accuracy</b> (demonstrated by a number of ground control points) should be so that the maximum error at any point should be <10cm.
7	Number of soil profiles for each island need to be specified	7 soil profiles on average must be done per island. Each solid profile covering top soil layers down to the groundwater level should be done.
8	Number of steady state pumping tests at each island need to be specified	One. This has to be done in a manner and during a period so that it does not impact the groundwater use in the island. The test shall be carried out in accordance to the dewatering regulation
9	Sampling points to be geo-coordinated for social survey is referring to households or People? (All relevant physical survey location will be geo referenced)	Household
10	Page 50 Figure says 'survey assistance team but this is not reflected in expertise Specified. Please specify minimum team requirement as this will have cost implications	Minimum key expert requirements are given in TOR section 8, 1.2 Qualifications of the Design and Consultant Team. The bidder may hire backstopping or support staff which the bidder thinks is required based on the work methodology and schedule. The key experts are responsible for the overall quality of work.

11	<p>Registration in a relevant professional / government body - There is no Socioeconomic professional body to register social experts. We would also like to know which national and international registration bodies are considered here.</p>	<p>For socioeconomic profession EIA license (registered in EPA) can be considered</p>
12	<p>Qualification – We would like to know the reason why the score for Masters Qualification Lead Hydrologist varies for assisting hydrologist?</p>	<p>For the lead hydrologist, the marking criteria starts from masters and ends in PhD, while for the assisting hydrologists, the marking criteria starts and bachelors degree and end at masters degree. Hence the difference refer to RFP section 8 TOR 1.2 Qualifications of the Design and Consultant Team</p>
13	<p>Microbiological tests – Is it ok if the consultant use field kits for microbiology tests or Does it have to be done at a laboratory?</p>	<p>For microbiology, certified laboratory tests are required.</p>
14	<p>Soil permeability field tests – What type of tests are required here?</p>	<p>"Constant Head Gravity Permeability Tests" is our suggestion. However, if needed the consultant can propose alternative methods and justify them in the bid.</p>
15	<p>If possible, please provide the size of the island</p>	<p>The islands of the consultancy are listed in RFP section 8 TOR 3 scope of work</p>
16	<p>The 30-day period between concept design submission (not even considering approval from the client) is not enough to complete and deliver the subsequent tasks professionally with the required team. Recommend to either expand team required or duration</p>	<p>Deliverable schedule revised as annexed</p>
17	<p>20 days per island (e.g.6 island of lot 3) is not enough for suggested outputs (as required by RFP). Advise to consider extending the duration of the contract</p>	<p>The specified duration stated in the RFP is deemed to be adequate</p>
18	<p>Consideration shall be given to current COVID 19 situations as the status quo is not Changing to d field-based work</p>	<p>If any delay has been experienced due to a covid restriction during the course of works, the bidder shall fully justify and request for extension of time (E.O.T). A decision regarding the request for E.O.T will be made based on bidder justifications on case by case.</p>

19	What is the rationale for taking minimum 45 water samples and 15 for bacterial testing in each island? Should this number not be decided by the consultant?	Ensuring that a better representative finding is acquired through the assessment and providing an equal basis for all bidders to provide pricing
20	Feasibility and concept design report - Is this design to be done for each island?	yes
21	Detail design report Is this design to be done for each island?	yes
22	Time period given to develop the concept design is not adequate (only one month from the baseline report).	Refer to answer provided in point number 16
23	Overall timeframe given to complete the project is unrealistic given that the number of tasks to be performed.	Refer to answer provided in point number 16
24	RFP says, three separate consultancy firms will be selected (or Three separate contracts will be awarded) to carry out the works specified under each lot, through a competitive selection process. Does this mean, the total amount for the contracts for the 3 lots will be within the allowable limit for the Ministry to tender within in the Maaliyathu regulations or a project for each lot can be within the allowable limit as prescribed by Maaliyathu regulations	Each lot will be contracted as a separate contract.
25	Can an International Company lead the project as the qualification for the team leader only fit for such expert	If a foreign company is interested in, a JV agreement should be provided,
26	Can one company bid for all 3 lots or a company can bid for 1 lot only.	One company can bid for all the 3 lots
27	Is it possible to award more than 1 lot to one company?	It is possible. But the company should propose different teams for each lot. Refer to RFP section 8 TOR 1. Project Team of key Experts
28	Can water tests be carried out using appropriate probes or field test kits where it is possible OR all testing has to be done by a certified laboratory (huge cost implications to the client)?	The consultant may use established standard testing equipments for the physiochemical tests with the exception of microbiological tests (see answers for number 13). However the calibration, sampling method and quality control measures must be described in detail in the inception report and the baseline report.

29	Output of the maps required GIS platform. This is a specialist skill. This is not reflected in the team requirement	Bidder may hire an additional expert for the exercise if an existing team member cannot carry out the works, however the requirements of the key experts stays the same
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