

RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATIONS No. 1

Regarding Expression of Interests - Provision of Consulting Services for Detailed design, Tender document preparation and Supervision for the works construction of the Wakiso West Water and Sanitation Project.

Procurement Reference No: NWSC-HQ/SRVCS/2024-2025/181016

No.	Questions	Responses/Clarifications
1.	The Eligibility Criteria on page 1 (table) refers to "Joint Venture (with or without sub consultants) shall have carried out a significant role (at least 25% man-months) in at least one water sector project for Danida Sustainable Infrastructure Finance or as previously known Danida Business Finance/Danish completed in the last 10 years". Can projects completed in the last 20 years be considered for qualification purposes?	The eligibility criterion on projects completed within the last 10 years is not subject to any form of amendment.
2.	Reference is made to the 'DSIF Project Document' in Appendix 1 (OVERVIEW OF THE WAKISO WEST WATSAN PROJECT AND THE CONSULTANCY ASSIGNMENT). Please share this document.	As indicated in the notice of expression of interest, this document is available to all interested firms at the NWSC's website https://www.nwsc.co.ug/notices .
3.	We intend to submit the current Eol as a lead consultant with a local partner however would like to enquire if we are successful in being shortlisted, whether we can expand our team in future with other consortium partners.	No. The Eols shall be evaluated based on the strength of Partners at the time of submission. Any future changes would tantamount to amendment of bid, which is unacceptable. The two months given for you to prepare the Eol is deemed sufficient for formation of such Partnerships.
4.	The document refers to "completion of the works in line with the Environmental & Social Management Plan (ESMP)..." We would like to clarify whether the ESIA is a separate assignment and whether the process for this has been initiated.	Yes. The feasibility studies covered the ESIA as well. However, the Consultant is expected to review and update the document based on current conditions.

5.	Reference is made to "... Results Framework..." on page 5. Can you provide this document?	This is a two-stage procurement process. The Results Framework shall be shared at the next stage of the procurement process (i.e. Request for Proposals).
6.	The project is planned in 2 phases. Is financing for both phases (full project) secured, and can you confirm the budget available?	The project has been packaged into two phases due to the nature of its financing. The first phase is being financed through a grant from DSIF, while the second phase is a 50% grant and 50% soft concessional loan. The second phase shall become effective upon securing a Contractor and signing of the Loan Agreement. This shall be confirmed in writing by NWSC.
7.	Reference is made to "Consultant will assist NWSC by reviewing and updating the existing Feasibility Study, Outline Designs and the Tender Documents and prepare the detailed E&S documentation and Detailed Designs for Red Book elements of work..." on page 6, kindly confirm: - When were these studies, designs done, and documents prepared? - Are we expected to adhere to the designs done? - Does E&S refer to Environmental and Social? If so, what is the expected scope for E&S?	- The feasibility study was done in the year 2019. - The Consultant is not expected to adhere to the designs already done as these may change. This is the reason; the Consultant shall review the feasibility studies, outline designs, tender documents and E&S. - This is a two-stage procurement process. Details about the scope for E&S shall be availed at the next stage of the procurement process (i.e. Request for Proposals).
8.	Phase 1 (on page 6) refers to "... red book..." and Phase 2 to "... yellow book...". Please confirm which aspects of the works are planned to be undertaken as per FIDIC Red Book and which are planned to be undertaken as per FIDIC Yellow Book.	The project is packaged into two phases. In phase 1, the Consultant shall prepare detailed design under FIDIC Red Book, which mainly for the transmission mains and distribution pipelines. The phase shall also involve preparation of outline designs under the FIDIC Yellow Book for raw water intake, water treatment plant, fecal sludge treatment plant and all associated works. Tender documents for works shall also be prepared during this phase. The Consultant's role in phase 2 shall involve among others Supervision of the construction works, review and provision of No Objection to detailed designs prepared by the Contractor for the FIDIC Yellow Book elements.
9.	Phase 2 (on page 6) refers to "... phase is estimated to take 52 months (40 months for implementation and 12 months defects liability) ..." What is the expected O&M support timeline?	The timeline for this project is 72 months (detailed design, tender documents preparation, works supervision and defects liability). 20 months are for phase 1 (detailed and outline designs and tender documents preparation) and 52 months for phase 2 (40 months are for works supervision and 12 months are for defects liability). O&M support shall not be required after the end of defects liability.
10.	Is liability for this contract expected to be capped and what would that be?	Details pertaining to liability for this contract shall be provided at the next stage of request for proposals.

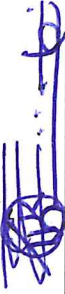


11. Eol Appendix 3 [Value of the consultancy assignment] The notes to the Project Reference Form clarify that item 9 [Assignment value] shall be stated exclusive of "reimbursable expenses". i. Could you kindly specify the term "reimbursable expenses". ii. Furthermore, shall the assignment value also be stated exclusive of any provisional sums?	i. Reimbursable expenses are costs incurred while performing work that the Employer agrees to cover under a contract and have been indicated under the contract as such. Examples include transport, meals, accommodation, and other business-related costs like IT equipment and office. ii. The assignment value shall include the professional fees, reimbursable expenses and any provisional sums. Provisional sums figures will be clearly indicated in the contract by the Employer.
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