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CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS RAISED BY PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS AND THE RESPONSES

Question: 1

Terms of Reference, Section 4.5.6 Survey - It is stated that the PSP will be required to do all surveys necessary for the feasibility design for the project. Since the exact areas to be surveyed are yet unknown, with the understanding that there will only be more clarity on this after the Pre-feasibility Phase, having each PSP price for this creates an uncertain basis for the pricing as each PSP will allow for something different in their bid. We kindly request that the topographical survey be handled the same as the other external studies (geotech & materials investigation and ecological reserve), i.e. that a Provisional Sum be allowed for the topographical survey (for work to be done by external contractor), but that the PSP to still price for writing of specification, procuring contractor and processing of data.

Answer

The pre-feasibility will determine the final position of the proposed dam. Therefore PSP's must provide for surveys in their financial proposals to put themselves in a position to do a feasibility designs for one dam. PSP's can assume that there is no surveys available.

Question2

Submission of Proposals

In the Terms of Reference, **Section 5** it is stated that 4 copies of the Technical Proposal must be submitted, whilst **Section 7.1** states that 1 copy of the Technical Proposal must be submitted.

Please provide clarification on this discrepancy.

Answer

One (1) original plus one (1) copy of the Financial Proposal must be submitted.

Section 7.1. States: **Client and Study Name**

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) will act as the Client for this proposed assignment.

This assignment shall be called: **THE CROCODILE (EAST) WATER PROJECT: MODULE1: TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Question 3

We note that a Provisional Sum for Technical Support to the DWS Project Manager has not been included. Can you please confirm that this should indeed be the case?

Answer

No it has not been included please provide for it in the financial proposal

Question 4

Page limit of individual CVs

Terms of Reference, Section 5.3 states that each CV must not be longer than one page, whilst Annexure A, Item C.4 states *One to two A4 pages per CV*.

Please provide clarification on this discrepancy. Can we please request that a two page limit be set, as one page are simply not sufficient for a CV.

Answer

The Annexure is a guideline therefor the ToR par 5.3 carries more weight; use 1 page. Please note in the past evaluation panel were allowed one week to evaluate tenders, these days we must finalise it in one day

Question 5

Past Experience - The functionality table (section 7.9.3 on page 33 of the Terms of Reference) states that a score of 5 will be allocated for more than 10 years experience on all 3 items listed in the table. However, in annexure A of the ToR (Section C.2.a on page 42), it is stated that past experience is limited to only the past 5 years. We find it highly unlikely that any consultant will have more than 10 years experience in all categories that have been accumulated in just the last 5 years. We therefore kindly request that the timeframe for past experience be extended to at least a 10 year period, instead of 5 years.

Answer

The Annexure is a guideline therefor the ToR par 7.9.3 carries more weight; use 10 years

Question 6

With regards to clarification no 3 , can you please advise on what the provisional sum amount should be to allow for the ad-hoc technical support to the DWS Project Manager? If not allowed for as a provisional sum amount, can you please advise on what the estimated effort would be (e.g. one day week from a senior technical person) that should be allowed for?

Answer

I suggest you discuss this with people in your organisation that are familiar with feasibility studies. In the ToR there are some guidelines for example number of meetings that must be attended. At the end the PSP's must proof that they understand what, how and when things should happen. It is part of the evaluation process.

Question 7

Related to this, we have noted that there are three other items that should be included as Provisional Sum amounts (geotechnical investigation, materials investigation and Ecological Reserve & Classification), but no amounts have been specified for any of these, nor have any specifications on what would be required provided. This will mean that there is no standard basis for all bidders to price on.

Answer

Yes in the past it was added however our unit was forced to take the values out of the ToR. The intension is to add it to the contract value (your final paragraph).

Question 8

Considering above, we kindly request that specific amounts be specified for all four Provisional Sum items (geotechnical investigation, materials investigation, Ecological Reserve & Classification and Ad-hoc support to DWS Project Manager). If this is not possible, we request that specifications be provided to form the basis for the pricing (*e.g.* for the geotechnical investigations the number of test pits and boreholes, number and types of tests, *etc.*).

Answer

Please take note the ToR sands as it is changing things now will send us back to the beginning of the line as far as procurement is concerned. It took years to reach the current milestones.

Alternatively, the Provisional Sum items could be handled in a similar manner as with tender WP11392, *i.e.* that it must not be provided for in the Financial Proposal, but that it will be added by DWS as provisional sums later on.