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WP11405: GREATER MANGAUNG WATER AUGMENTATION PROJECT XHARIEP PIPELINE FEASIBILITY STUDY

QUESTIONS RAISED BY PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS AND THE RESPONSES

No	Question	Answer
1	The TOR is silent about any conflict of interest. It is therefore assumed that the tender is open for any bidder, notwithstanding any previous involvement in previous related studies. Can this be confirmed?	The TOR is correct.
2	<p>Annexure A – Guidelines for Preparation of a Technical Proposal Item 3c refers:</p> <p>Please clarify the relationship between the following specified minimum requirements for Key Experts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of prior similar studies completed in this capacity• Definition of required prior relevant experience <p>Is it required that the specific Key Expert must have been exposed to 4 x <u>similar studies</u> completed of a <u>similar nature</u> to the Xhariep Pipeline Feasibility Study or 4 x projects including the defined <u>prior relevant experience</u>?</p>	<p>The TOR stands.</p> <p>Both criteria apply as specified and defined in TOR.</p> <p>For each expert both of the following is required:</p> <p>a) number of prior similar studies in which the expert acted in similar capacity - this is to prove the expert has been involved in feasibility studies (not only design)</p> <p>And</p> <p>b) prior relevant experience as specified for each expert - this is to prove he/she is an expert.</p>
3	<p>Availability of Annexure C</p> <p>In order to save time and costs for Bidders, can Annexures C.1 – C.6 please be made available to Bidders?</p>	Yes.
4	The Annexure A – Guidelines for Preparation of a Technical Proposal Item 3c Definition of required	The TOR is correct and stands.

	<p>prior relevant experience for a Pump Stations planner/expert refers.</p> <p>Is it possible that the requirement of 15 MW can be relaxed to > 5 MW?</p>	
5	<p>The closing date is stipulated as 09 August 2022, which is a public holiday. Is this correct, and if so, will the Tender Box be accessible for submission on the said date?</p>	<p>The first version, that was loaded on the system stated the 9th but we then realized that it will be a problem due to the public holiday and the tender was immediately edited to indicate that the closing date is 11 August 2022. If you re-visit the e-tender portal, you will see the revised date.</p>
6	<p>1. KEY EXPERT CAPABILITIES</p> <p>ANNEXURE A, Section 3.c, pg 54 – 57.</p> <p>Where an expert has the capability, qualifications and experience to fulfil more than just one of the key expert positions, will it be acceptable to propose the expert for the positions suitably qualified and experienced for?</p>	<p>Yes, it will be acceptable as long as that member will be able to perform the duties of both positions and the process are not manipulated to ensure compliance with the ToR.</p>
7	<p>2. KEY EXPERT SCORING CRITERIA</p> <p>ANNEXURE B, Section 3, pg 62 – 63</p> <p>The scoring criteria in Sections 1, 2 and 4, seem to allocate a “base” score of 3 points when the criteria, as set out in Annexure A, is met and is marked down, where the minimum requirements are not met, or up, where the minimum requirements are exceeded.</p> <p>However, Section 3 is not clear on a “base” score, to which additional points (up to a maximum of 5) can be added for additional qualifications and experience. Could clarification be provided on the scoring criteria for key experts?</p>	<p>The base score is one (1) and the evaluation panel will not be able to award points on the additional qualifications and experience if the minimum requirements are not met.</p>
8	<p>1. Registration: The requirement states that the individuals must be ECSA registered. Would an international professional registration be considered as acceptable? If not what would be required from yourself as validation?</p> <p>I have been in contact with ECSA and they confirmed that they can provide confirmation that our candidates experience and qualifications is eligible for registration but that the registration process, should we wish to embark on it, can take up to 4 months and that we have to formally submit an application.</p> <p>Would this be acceptable?</p>	<p>Provide proof from ECSA that they recognise the international professional registration.</p> <p>The process of submitting CVs for a team is similar to applying for a position with the exception that the paperwork needs to be in order when the bid closes. The outcome of the professional application can not be assumed by DWS, we will therefore work on the</p>

		information that are available at the time the bid closes.
9	<p>Qualifications: It is stated in the ToR that foreign qualifications must be accompanied by a certified evaluation certificate by SAQA. So to be clear we may use an international colleague, not based in South Africa, with a foreign qualifications with the proviso that we obtain the SAQA certificate? Considering we do not have control over the time it could take for SAQA to provide this certification would it be acceptable for the certification to be provided after tender closure. We could submit proof of the application as part of the bid to indicate that the process is in process.</p>	The TOR stands and it can not be amended.
10	<p>Annexure A states that the Technical Proposal should be in Arial font size 11 at 1.5 line spacing. Annexure A Item 3d states that the Key Expert CVs should be limited to 2 x pages. The descriptions required of projects of similar nature and relevant nature will take up space, resulting in possibly more than 2 x pages. (It follows from Item 2 below that between 4 – 9 projects can be listed).</p> <p>Please clarify the following: Must CVs also be in Arial font size 11 at 1.5 line spacing as it will take up space</p>	No - CV's do not need to comply with the proposed font guidelines
11	<p>The alignment of the “points value” is not aligned to the descriptive item. Please clarify if the following understanding of the “points values” is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptable: All minimum requirements met – 1 point Yes • Exceedance of minimum qualifications – 1 point Yes • Every additional 5 years of duration of prior relevant experience – 1 point (only if minimum requirements were met - if minimum requirement were not met, then the score will stay one (1) even if the expert has additional qualifications, experience etc) • Every additional relevant and similar study above 4 – 1 point Correct 	See red font.
12	Given the strict eligibility criteria, it is to be confirmed when a bidder will not pass functionality? We are aware of the 70% gate, but what if one or two Key Experts do not present the required minimum criteria?	Given the strict eligibility criteria, it is to be confirmed when a bidder will not pass functionality? We are aware of the 70% gate, but what if one or two Key Experts do not present the required minimum criteria?
13	It is herewith requested that the closing date of 11 August 2022 for tender WP11405 please be	The request for an extension of the closing date

	<p>extended for minimum one week. The reasons for that are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Given the strict eligibility criteria the most of two weeks was spent on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification of uncertainties related to the eligibility criteria and the scoring thereof • Determination if there are Key Experts available fulfilling the defined eligibility criteria 2. The tender was issued during the last week of school holidays with some consultants on leave, missing one week of availability and complicated immediate interaction with potential team members. 3. The continuous load shedding with different time slots at different locations resulted in complicated communication with potential bid team members. 4. The tender is closing just after 9 August with some consultants taking a long weekend, which will require cancellation of leave and accommodation bookings, and, in general, complicating finalization of the tender at that time. 5. Given the importance of this tender, and the consequent appointment of a strong consultant team, the requested extension will, in general, add to a thoughtful and quality tender submission by all, and easier to be evaluated by DWS. 6. The DWS Tender WP11405 Annexure A Item 3d states that foreign qualifications needs to be certified by SAQA. It is assumed that the same is required to foreign registrations. It, now, appears to be difficult to get behold of SAQA and that the required certification could take a while. 	<p>cannot be granted and the initial closing date of 11 August 2022 still stands</p>
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