

ICB: SEIDP/ICB/1.11/2017

Solar and Wind Resource Measurement Campaign in the Pacific Islands

Sustainable Energy Industry Development Project (P152653)

Clarification # 1:

Question 1

In Section I, Point 10. Clarification of Bidding Documents, 10.1 "A prospective Bidder requiring any clarification of the bidding documents may notify the Employer in writing or by cable ("cable" includes telex and facsimile) at the Employer's address indicated in the invitation to bid"; we understand that in the invitation to bid (https://www.ppa.org.fj/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/161117WB-IFB-SEIDP-QCBS-1_11-2017-FINAL.pdf)

received your email address is consider as an Employer's address. Please let us know if our understanding is correct or not, and if not please let us know if there is any other email address which could be recipient of our queries and clarifications. If email is not acceptable we would appreciate any other reference to telematic media since post mail would take too long time to reach you and would might impact in our capabilities to provide a competitive bid. Please note that even reference were made to facsimile media there is no such reference to contact numbers.

Answer 1

Email is acceptable for official communication. Mr Wairarapa (Rapa) Young can be contacted as the employer's representative on this email rapa@ppa.org.fj and copy Mr. Andrew Daka andrewd@ppa.org.fj and use reference SEIDP/ICB/1.11/2017

Question 2

In Section I, point 4.1 there is mention of the Procurement Guidelines. Also in Section IV point 1 there is mention of the Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, dated January 2011, Revised July 2014. On the other hand, looking for such references in World Bank documents database, we found the following reference. New Procurement Framework and Regulations for Projects After July 1, 2016 (<http://www.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/products-and-services/brief/procurement-new-framework#framework>) could you please clarify which body of rules would apply and subsequently provide a hyperlink to the database where it is stored?

Answer 2

As per the bidding documents the applicable Guidelines is Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, dated January 2011, Revised July 2014. The link is <http://pubdocs.worldbank.org/en/492221459454433323/Procurement-GuidelinesEnglishJuly12014.pdf>

Question 3

Would SODAR instruments be permissible as well?

Answer 3

No. As specified in the Bidding Document, only LIDAR equipment is acceptable.

Question 4

GC Clause 6.4: "The amortization of the Advance mentioned above shall commence when the progress payments have reached 25% of the contract price and be completed when the progress payments have reached 75%": We understand from this clause that this refers only to the release of the advance payment security, and that no milestone payments will be retained during the amortization period, is this correct?

Answer 4

The advance payment will be amortised through deductions from milestone payments as stated in this clause.

Question 5

Can Section 1 Clause (5.6) be modified as follows?

5.6 The figures for each of the partners of a joint venture shall be added together to determine the Bidder's compliance with the minimum qualifying criteria of ITB Sub-Clause 5.5 (a), (b) and (e); however, for a joint venture to qualify the partner in charge must meet at least 40 percent of those minimum criteria for an individual Bidder and other partners at least 25% of the criteria. Alternatively the consortium would qualify if any of the members comply with 100% of the criteria.

Answer 5

No, the proposed change is not accepted.