

Questions and Answers at pre-bid meeting for
36-2017-ITB-UNDP-BOMNAF – Construction of Border Crossing Point Dehkonkhona,
Vakhan Area, Afghanistan

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Venue: UNDP Country Office, 39 Aini Street, Dushanbe

From the procurement side, the contractor representatives were informed about deadline of submission, required necessary documents that needed to be submitted along with their bids. They were also informed about the bid security amount, its validity and the project completion duration. Bid Security document should be issued by bidder's bank on its letterhead with using format provided in ITB document, which is approved and no other format will be accepted during bid evaluation. They were informed that the work schedule to be submitted should correspond to the contract duration specified in the contract document. Evaluation method to be used in selecting the most responsive bid was also covered during the meeting. The representatives were informed that all these requirements were clearly mentioned in the ITB document. They were further informed that they can seek further clarification in writing to UNDP five (5) before the submission date of bid the answer of which will be sent to all the participating bidders. UNDP Engineer briefly informed participants about BoQ specific part and explained why the document prepared in two languages, Russian and English.

Below are the question and answers were raised during pre-bid meeting:

- Q: Please provide more information about the location of construction site?
- A: Project site located in Afghanistan territory on the opposite side of Langar village, Ishkashim District of Tajikistan, 210 km far from Khorog and can be reached by two roads, directly from Khorog through Ishkashim and through Murgab District by Khargushi pass. Project site located 855 km far from Dushanbe.
- Q: Would be construction work duration extended, due to weather states during 4-5 months of autumn-winter season?
- A: No. The project should be completed in 12 months period, but extension could be considered in case of abnormal weather conditions during construction.
- Q: Border bridge is blocked by barbed-wire, could it be open for construction project and where should contractor establish camp for staff?
- A: Bridge will be opened by both authorities based on letter, which will be issued by UNDP. Location of the camp should be decided by contractor itself, no restrictions on this, but what should be taken into consideration that entry Afghan visa required for Tajik workers entering to Afghanistan.
- Q: Some goods will be ordered from China, for this case transportation from Kulma Border Crossing Point to Langar Border Crossing point will be considered as transit on Tajikistan territory?
- A: Correct. Any goods delivered from abroad and transported to construction side should be registered by Customs service as a transit shipment and without paying any customs fees.

- Q: What about electricity and water at the site?
- A: No electricity at site at all. A contractor should bring its generator for usage. Concerning water, the river is about 50 meters from construction site, the contractor should install a water pump.
- Q: What currency should be used for bid submission, is that allowed to indicate prices in US Dollars or it is mandatory to be in Tajik Somoni. The question is raised due to recently occurred serious fluctuations of Somoni exchange rate?
- A: Both currencies could be used for Bid Submission. In case if submission in US Dollars, contract will be concluded in USD, but payment will be made in Tajik Somoni as per UN Exchange Rate on the date of payment. Please take into consideration that usually UN Exchange Rate is lower than National Bank of Tajikistan rate and commercial rate in market.
- Q: Is it required for the contractor to possess any registration documents of Afghanistan?
- A: Yes, according to the requirements of Afghanistan Government the contractor must be registered in AISA as a legal entity for any commercial activity in Afghanistan, the contractor will be obliged to register in AISA (Afghanistan Investment Support Agency) and receive registration certificate within 30 days upon signing of the contract with UNDP.

In addition it was remarked that bidders should carefully read the ITB document and provide all necessary documents. In case of absence any mandatory documents, bidder will be automatically disqualified from further evaluation. Any possible queries from Bidders raised during the solicitation period should be addressed to UNDP in written and sent to the procurement.tj@undp.org address.

At this point first pre-tender conference adjourned.