

RFPMAR2018/011 - Consultancy Services for the Review and update of ESA data, maps, policy and management recommendations more specifically in relation to coastal and marine biodiversity in the Republic of Mauritius for the Mainstreaming Biodiversity into the Management of the Coastal Zone in the Republic of Mauritius Project

Query No	Query	Response
1	<p>In the bidding form, under Form B:</p> <p>a) Quality Assurance Certification (e.g. ISO 9000 or Equivalent) (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):</p> <p>b) Does your Company hold any accreditation such as ISO 14001 related to the environment? (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):</p> <p>c) Does your Company have a written Statement of its Environmental Policy? (If yes, provide a Copy)</p> <p>We would like to know if the existence or not of these documents could exclude someone from bidding.</p>	<p>No, proposal will not be excluded if they do not possess any of a), b) or c).</p>
2	<p>Since there are limited experts in the field of ICZM and environmental law in Mauritius could we propose the same local expert for both positions as the inputs are only 20-man days each (of course having in mind that he/she meets both criteria)?</p>	<p>No. The expert needs to provide interest and availability for the proposed contract as this may entail conflict of work-load and time if multiple proposals are accepted.</p>
3	<p>Is the pass/fail evaluation carried out prior to the evaluation of the technical/financial proposals and must the bidder pass all of the criteria before having their proposals considered?</p>	<p>Yes, per the RFP document criteria on Page 20.</p>
4	<p>If the company has not undertaken three contracts of similar value in the past 5 years, but has done so in the past 10 years. Is the 5 year timeframe used as general guidance in assessing capability or an irrevocable minimum?</p>	<p>Yes, the timeframe can be increased to 10 years.</p>
5	<p>Similarly, is the USD500k annual turnover threshold for general guidance or an irrevocable minimum?</p>	<p>The contract is envisaged to be of higher value and therefore, the annual turnover threshold remains to be at USD 500k to determine the financial standing of the company for the last 3 years.</p>

6	The Table 4: Breakdown of Price per Deliverable / Activity, which is in Form G Financial Proposal Form, is meant to replace the Table 2: Schedule for Payment of fees - Lot 1 (on page 32) which is in the Terms of Reference.	Table 4 will be almost similar to Table 2 found on page 32 except some minor changes and is much more detailed.
7	Could you kindly indicate whether an expert is authorised to participate in several proposals?	No. The expert needs to provide interest and availability for the proposed contract as this may entail conflict of work-load and time if multiple proposals are accepted.