

First set of queries

1. Can you advise whether there is any further supporting documentation available to provide further details on the project scope?
Please refer to Annex 1 of the Terms of Reference which provides the geographical scope of the assessment to be carried out.
2. Is there an indicative or maximum budget available? Regional groundwater resources assessments can be undertaken at a variety of different scales of detail. It is not clear whether there is US\$10,000, US\$ 100,000 or US\$ 1 Million to undertake this work?
Based on your query, please note that we are working on a medium range request for proposal.
3. Is the scope of works to be limited to the activities undertaken by the Consultant?
The work package as is prescribed in the Terms of Reference represents work being done on a larger national water master plan for the country. Other areas of this plan will be addressed at a later point.
4. Is any project specific drilling envisaged? If so is this to be provided by the Government of Belize or as part of the consultancy project budget ?
Yes, it is expected that the consultancy will include boreholes necessary to truth/ verify consultancy products. Unfortunately, the Government of Belize does not have the equipment necessary to carry out this exercise. It is anticipated that private sub-contracting may be required. *A cost range for sub-contracting of well drilling will be posted on 29th July 2013.*
5. Are Government of Belize counterpart staff (other than the two supervising officers) to be made available, if so how many and of what expertise ?
Yes, the Government of Belize has committed the involvement of the national geologist, hydrologist and two technicians to assist in the assessment exercise.
6. Are Government of Belize vehicles and other related hydrogeological equipment to be made available to the Consultancy team? If so can we have a list of this equipment, such as drilling rigs, geophysical survey equipment, water level and quality meters and dataloggers?
A Government of Belize project vehicle will be provided to support the efforts. Unfortunately, there is limitation as it relates to hydrogeological equipment within the Government of Belize. However, these equipment can be sourced from local drilling companies.
7. Does the Ministry of Natural Resources have a water quality laboratory and existing resource management databases? If so can details please be provided?
No, however there are local laboratories that are commonly contracted to carry out water assessment. *A cost range for sub-contracting for water labs will be posted on 29th July 2013.*