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UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Clarification for
INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANT- Development of a Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) System and accompanying Training Programme

Description of the assignment: Development of a Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) System and accompanying Training Programme

Closing Date: 26th February 2016

Deadline for Clarification: 17th February 2016

The following clarification was requested for the above-mentioned Consultancy:

Question:

Does the project consider the design and setup of the national GHG inventory system?

Response:

The consultancy does not require the design and setup of the GHG inventory system, however the system has to be designed to be cognizant of the requirements for GHG inventorying and reporting.

Question:

Should the project consider the development of an MRV for the NAMAs currently under development?

Response:

Yes. The TOR clearly states this: “Further develop and mature the MRV framework identified for the NAMAs designed under the LECB Project and INDC.”

Question:

Does “establish the broad institutional arrangements through the Climate Change Focal Point Network” mean that the institutional arrangements will be established through the UNDP Focal Point in Trinidad and Tobago?

Response:

No. However, the MEA/Climate Change Network provides a starting point to determine the applicable institutions and stakeholders for consultation.

Question:

In regards to Output IV. Define and develop the tools, format and software/hardware support required for implementing the MRV system. Is there any specific interest on software/hardware that we should consider for this project?

Response:

The software/hardware should be considered as applicable and available.

Question:

In regards to Output V. Further develop and mature the MRV framework identified for the NAMAs designed under the LECB Project and INDC. Do you have any information on the MRV systems from Trinidad and Tobago in general that we could have access to?

Response:

Yes. Guidelines currently been developed would be complete and available.

Question:

When you mention MRV system tools. Do you have a specific system in mind that we should consider?

Response:

No. The purpose of the consultancy is to determine this, and a system most suitable to the context of Trinidad and Tobago is what is required.

Question:

Is the documents (including workshop and working group sessions) from the sectoral Low Carbon Development (LCD) plans and the identification of NAMAs being developed would be available for dissemination by prospective consultants.

Response:

These documents have to be approved by the Project Board and the T&T government to be placed in the public domain. This is not expected to happen until the end of the 2016.

Question

Section 7 of the General Conditions of Contracts for the Services of Individual Contractors states:

SUBCONTRACTORS

In the event that the Individual contractor requires the services of subcontractors to perform any obligations under the Individual Contract, the Individual contractor shall obtain the prior written approval of UNDP for any such subcontractors. UNDP may, in its sole discretion, reject any proposed subcontractor or require such subcontractor's removal without having to give any justification therefore, and such rejection shall not entitle the Individual contractor to claim any delays in the performance, or to assert any excuses for the non-performance, of any of its obligations under the Individual Contract. The Individual contractor shall be solely responsible for all services and obligations performed by its subcontractors. The terms of any subcontract shall be subject to, and shall be construed in a manner that is fully in accordance with, all of the terms and conditions of the Individual Contract.

Is "prior written approval of UNDP" a condition that must be fulfilled before sending in a proposal or is it sufficient to identify sub-contractors in the proposal?

How should subcontractors be identified in bids for this contract?

Answer

UNDP has chosen at this point of time, for this consultancy **not** to explore the option of the Individual Contractor using sub-contractors.