Pre- Bid Meeting Question Answer Session

Request for Proposal, Ref: UNDP-RFP-2020-038

Subject: Employment of 1,000 Blue-Collar Youth via Online Platform

Date of meeting: 05th Feb 2020

Venue: UNDP Country Office Islamabad

The Pre-bid Meeting was organized by UNDP for the RFP# UNDP-RFP-2020-038 for the project of “Employment of 1,000 Blue-Collar Youth via an Online Employment Portal”

Discussions:

- Procurement unit initiated the meeting and introduced all the participants from UNDP and a brief introduction of all the bidders was requested.
- Purpose of the meeting was explained to all the participants.
- Requesting unit explained the TORs in detail and the expectations of the project

Questions asked by the bidders along with the responses by UNDP are mentioned below.

Q Can bidders use social media to mobilize the employers?
A. Yes, employers could be mobilized through social media for which line items are provided in the RFP budget template, including YouTube and Facebook. However, the blue-collar workers would most likely require on-ground activity and mobilization, which could include radio airtime or on-ground presence such as the Registration Assistants which are also included in the RFP budget template.

Q. Do bidders have to provide the same number of CVs as detailed in your RFP budget template?
A. No, it may be more or less, provided the bidder can justify meeting the required deliverable with less personnel.

Q. How much time do bidders have for Rapid Market Assessment? What is the survey size for identifying the beneficiaries?
A. Time is constrained as we are on tight deadlines and the project must conclude by June 2020. This is why it is a ‘Rapid’ market assessment. Survey size is up to bidders as long as it is adequate and approved by the project.
Q. Is the deadline likely to be extended?
A. No

Q. Can bidders use the blue-collar workers that are already enrolled on their existing platform?
A. No, the project requires fresh enrolments and placements. Existing workers may not be used.

Q. Are there any specific districts in KP and Sindh that bidders are required to enroll the employers / employees from? Do they have to be rural areas or distributed in any way?
A. No, there is no restriction on the city / district as long as it is in KP and Sindh. Moreover, the restriction is on demographic which has to be blue-collar workers.

Q. Is there flexibility on the target of 25% women employees?
A. No, the target of 25% placements is essential to the project.

Q. Regarding the security and due diligence measures, what does UNDP require specifically i.e. Police Clearance Certificate, Driver's license, etc.?
A. There are no specific requirements from UNDP. These are Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) that the vendor would be developing and proposing to UNDP.

Q. Can the bidders continue working in this area after the expiration of funds from UNDP?
A. Yes. Bidders are not developing any new software / intellectual property for UNDP so they may continue working after contract expiry. However, UNDP would have access to the database of all those employee / employer registrations that are made under the funding duration for the project.

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