Questions and Answers

ITB/FJI/JPN/003/20 – supply and installation of AM Broadcast System

Questions and Answers, Part 3

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We have not been able to finalise our Mast design as we are waiting for your confirmation on the queries raised.	Please review enclosed Questions and Answers Part 1 and 2, where you can find answers to this question.
	Our standpoint regarding mast design proposal (AM Tower), material type is to meet the specs in the ITB requirement and comply with the Telecommunication standard and local regulation.
We have to finalise our studio proposal as we are waiting for your responses on studio details.	This studio query was responded to, equipment type conditions. The Emergency studio, Bidders are asked to provide a list of equipment that they would recommend to provide this facility, bearing in mind that it is only for emergency use when the main studio audio feed is unavailable. This emergency studio will feed both the AM and FM transmitters with the same program content.
Covid 19 is delaying responses from our partners for various equipment from Europe and also from USA. We have carried out detailed analysis on your requirement and feel comfortable in providing a full responsive offer we RFS could receive another 07days extension to submission date	Considering COVID 19 outbreak that may affect on local and international business, UNDP agrees to extend bids submission deadline from 23.59 New York time on 19 March 2020 until 23.59 New York time on 26 March 2020.
You have indicated ATS requirement - we want you to confirm that the generator available could be remotely controlled and could work with an ATS unit	Please refer to Generator model/make specification provided earlier to confirm this remote access features. Kubota SQ 33 USA SW Model No (33KVA)
If it is not having this option we could provide the ATS but will not start the Generator automatically during a power failure	Please provide ATS. Confirm if the UPS will sustain power load while generator is manually start-up?
During our vendor meeting we were told that emergency studio could be an optional item. But now you are indicating this as a requirement for the supply. In your specification you have indicated to cater replacement of following.	As per ITB - Bidders are asked to provide a list of equipment that they would recommend providing this facility, bearing in mind that it is only for emergency use when the main studio audio feed is unavailable.

As now you have indicated that vendors need to supply emergency Studio equipment please provide details what is expected from vendors.	
Are vendors allowed to provide stainless steel tower - if so are we still required to paint the mast?	· Stainless steel shall be ANSI 316 anodized or better. For material and durability requirements utilize the more stringent coating thickness and weights and material standards of ANSI/TIA-222-H, 2017, ISO 1461, ISO 14713, and ISO 9223 standards. · Painting maybe required
Can vendors use STL with other frequency band - such as 5-5.8 GHz links to connect Studio and Tx sites."	 This frequency change (5 – 5.8Ghz) request needs to be approved by the Division of Communication Palau. For now, we will use the 200Mhz and 153Mhz spare currently available as reference.