



May 8, 2020, 15:00

Skype

RFP for Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategy of Georgia

Pre-bid conference minutes

In the scope of the UNDP project EU4Climate, a pre-bid conference on the RFP for Provision of Services for **Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategy of Georgia** was held in Skype in May 8, 2020, 15:00 (Georgia local time). The meeting lasted for approximately one and a half an hour, and the following parties were represented:

UNDP representatives:

Lasha Nakashidze, EU4Climate National Coordinator

Lika Tergiashvili, EU4Climate project National/Regional Associate

Attending companies (Attendance sheet attached):

1	Deloitte Legal Law Firm, Bulgaria	Pavlin Stoyanoff
2	EKONERG, Koranska 5, 10000 Zagreb	Vladimir Jelavic
3	Verico SCE Germany	Zsolt Lengyel
4	REC Caucasus	Mikheil Kurdadze
5	PWC	Natia Sherozia
6	WEG	Tutana Kvaratskhelia
7	Dubai Carbon	Shizza Khan
8	Vivideconomics, USA	Dan Aylward-Mills
9	Aether, UK	Laurence Opie

The pre-bid conference began with Lasha Nakashidze giving an overview of the major activities to be covered by the project and explaining the rationale of the announced RFP.

Following this, representatives of the companies introduced themselves and the Q&A session started.

The questions asked and the responses provided were:

QUESTIONS	RESPONSES
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<p>What is the anticipated budget of the project?</p>	<p>UNDP cannot disclose information about the estimated cost of the project, neither on indicative working-days per expert.</p>
<p>Can proposals be submitted by a consortium?</p>	<p>This type of RFP does not specify the participation of joint vectors of consortiums, but if the Bidder is going to form or have already formed a Joint Venture, Consortium or Association they shall confirm in their Proposal that they have designated one party to act as a lead entity, which shall be evidenced by a duly notarized Agreement among the legal entities, and submitted with the Proposal. If they are awarded the contract, the contract shall be entered between UNDP and the designated lead entity, who shall be acting on behalf of all the member entities comprising the joint venture. If the Proposal is submitted as a Joint Venture/Consortium/Association, each member should meet all minimum qualifications specified in the RFP.</p>
<p>Are there any restrictions for experts to participate with different organizations under the different proposals?</p>	<p>Yes. If the expert's role is crucial and linked to other consultants' inputs, it does not allowed for one expert to participate in different proposals. This will be considered as conflict of interest by evaluation committee.</p>
<p>How this project is linked to the EU4Climate project's other components in general and in particular to the NDC support components and the LEDS Support in the EU Eastern Partnership Countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia)</p>	<p>Georgian Government has updated NDC but it is not submitted to UNFCCC yet. Considering the relation between NDC cycle and LT-LEDS we expect from LED strategy to be aligned with updated NDC at least with regard of 2030 millstones. Also, Georgian Government is working on Climate Action Plan which can be seen as implementation plan of the updated NDC. Long term vision of LEDS shall inform future updates of NDC. We do not foresee that experts who will be working on LEDS have any substantial involvement in NDC updating process. They will be required to integrate findings and targets etc of updated NDC with LEDS.</p>
<p>How do you envisage the modalities of coordination with and approval by the Beneficiary; especially when project deliverables require their explicit approval</p>	<p>This will be coordinated and liaised by UNDP Georgia. For example, you submit deliverables to PMU and UNDP Georgia, and they will pass it to the focal ministry for validation, feedback and comments. In addition, project will organize technical meetings, workshops, consultative meetings as required for validation millstone deliverables.</p>
<p>How do you envisage and what is the reasons for</p>	<p>This information in RFP is indicated for bidders to inform that there are some components implemented by this two</p>

<p>Consultant to “ Coordinate work with international experts from the Austrian Environmental Agency and the Energy Community, partner organizations of the UNDP under this project.</p>	<p>Institutions which might have connections with LEDS and if needed the consultant can coordinate with some aspects with these two institutions.</p> <p>EEA works will conduct gap analysis on national MRV system and develop recommendations for its strengthening. As LEDS process also will require MRV arrangement for LEDS monitoring, it seems reasonable that winner of LEDS assignment coordinates its work with EEA in a consultative manner.</p> <p>Energy Community Secretariat has developed EU Climate Acquis Roadmap for Georgia with regard of approximation of Georgian climate legal bases with that of EU.</p>
<p>As the TIMES modelling does not cover important, non-energy aspects (such as LULUCF / agriculture & non-CO2 GHGs) would you require another, additional model to be used for the assignment?</p> <p>Would you expect to provide free license for any other modeling?</p>	<p>The reason to put TIMES in the project is that project will be procuring TIMES license for the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia to unify all scenarios and future projections. As we are aware that TIMES might not be directly applicable for all sectors, we will expect the bidders to propose in their methodology their approaches about it. That does not mean that the bidder should provide license for any other modeling. For all those sectors where TIMES model is applicable -TIMES is obligatory requirement.</p>

The meeting participants expressed the big concern about the deadline for submission the proposals. The general request was to extend the deadline for at least one additional week. They said that It is important to have full 3 weeks for proposal preparation after all clarifications are provided.

The request will be satisfied, and the deadline will be extended for one addition week until May 22, 2020.

Lasha Nakashidze



Lika Tergiashvili

