# **QUESTION 1;**

# Dear Madam/Sir,

We are preparing for the submission of a bid for the Eswatini Climate Promise Consultancy Project, RFP No.: RFP-SWZ-001-2020.

In the last couple of days, we are experiencing technical problems accessing the eTendering platform, pages are not loading/returning error messages. Please consider assessing, whether these technical problems can be solved from your end.

Currently, this prevents us from seeing any potential new documents or answers to requests for clarifications being uploaded. Could you please inform me, whether any new documents have been uploaded and forward them to us manually?

# **RESPONSE 1 TO QUESTION 1:**

Thank you for your e-mail.

Please note that no issues have been reported by other users of the e Tendering system. In order to be able to assist you, please provide screenshot(s) from the error message(s) that popup on your screen.

Regarding your inquiry whether any potential new documents or answers to requests for clarifications were uploaded, I hereby copy my colleague Sandile Mkhwanazi, for his kind attention/action.

# **RESPONSE 2 TO QUESTION 1:**

Good day,

There are no new documents that have been uploaded, and responses to some enquiries will be uploaded onto the website today.

Thanks for your cooperation.

# **QUESTION 2:**

Many thanks for your response - greatly appreciated!

I have to follow up with a rather naïve question: could you please advise on where to find the document?

We are not (yet) very familiar with the platform. I cannot find it under Bidding Documents.

Thanks a lot in advance,

# **RESPONSE TO QUESTION 2:**

Please see below the link to the UNDP Public Website where you can find a pool of different user guides and videos related to the eTendering system.

https://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/business/procurementnotices/resources/ I also hereby attach the *eTendering brief notes for bidders* which contains useful info for bidders.

### **QUESTION 3:**

I am looking at putting together a bid for the attached opportunity and have a team of local and international experts to meet the TOR.

Before submitting, I wanted to check a couple of the procurement requirements. I established my firm just over a year ago, and my partner organisations are in a similar situation. We have all been in senior management roles at major international consultancies, so comfortably meet the 5 years experience, contract value etc. requirements, but as young firms do not have this within our current organisations.

If we can demonstrate this track record and financial standing, including from our previous roles, would this meet the requirements?

Best regards

### **RESPONSE TO QUESTION 3:**

As per tender document, individual expert experiences and qualifications are evaluated separately from the firms experience although both contribute to the firms competence.

The two requirements will be evaluated as per the tender document.

Kind regards,

### **QUESTION 4:**

### Season greetings!

Thanks for your email and shared the interesting call to us. My team can search the local partner in Eswatini as mentioned in RFP. Otherwise, we as an International Expert can support local partner to design the study, if you suggest someone.

Looking forward to hearing from you, many thanks!

With regards,

### **RESPONSE TO QUESTION 4:**

It is the responsibility of the bidder to search for local suppliers. Unfortunately, UNDP can't help in this regard.