

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Title: Prequalification of Contractors for the Construction of Solar Mini-Grids in Afghanistan



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SN	Question	UNDP Response
1	We would like to clarify whether supply of goods also included in the scope of project. Shall we consider it as EPC (Engineering, Procurement, Construction including Commissioning and Testing)?	The scope of services will include procurement and supply of the mini-grids equipment. The contract type will not be the EPC but a 'construction contract'. Detailed design of the mini grids has already been completed.
2	Can a company apply for all these three projects at one time? please clarify	This advertisement is for the 'Expression of Interest (EOI)' from companies/JV/consortium. With this activity, UNDP will select a list of qualified companies for the full bidding process of the three mini-grids (projects). Full bidding of the three projects will take place among the qualified shortlisted companies. Shortlisted companies will have a chance to submit their bids/proposals for either one, two or all three projects. As also described in the EOI notice, two among the three projects will have the bidding process commenced in the second quarter of 2021 and for the third project in 2022.
3	Is it necessary to provide different Personnel Capabilities for each project, or one team leader, one project engineer and one site engineer will be enough for all three projects in the EOI?	Companies must demonstrate the minimum personnel capacities as described in the EOI notice. This is to evaluate the technical capacities of companies. For the EOI, it is not necessary to provide personnel capacities for each/individual projects
4	For international companies, it is mandatory to have a joint-venture or consortium with the locally registered construction company, here locally Construction Company indicating mini grid construction, or building construction activities please clarify?	This question is not fully clear. Both local and/or international companies must pose the minimum experience to be qualified for the bidding process, as described in the EOI. If the question is whether a local company can submit the EOI individually in JV with another local company, the answer is 'Yes'.
5	If an international company have already registered its representative office in Afghanistan with having it business license with rules and regulation of Afghanistan commerce ministry, is it still mandatory to have a joint-venture or consortium with the locally registered company.	Any company registered in Afghanistan is a local company. In such case, it is not necessary to have a JV with another local company.
6	In ANNEX 12, A copy of the audited balance sheets should be attached. Is it necessary that each JVs partners must attached their Audited balance sheets	Each company must submit their audited financial reports.

	or only the lead partner audited balance sheets will be enough to qualify the EOI, Please clarify?	
7	What is the qualification for afghan local company?	Please see section E: Evaluation of Applications for the minimum requirement of companies. A locally registered company with the experiences Afghanistan in the implementation of solar or hydro mini-grids will have probabilities of obtaining higher score