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## RFPMUS2021-001

### A market assessment for the trading of perishable goods and Development and implementation of an e-Commerce Marketplace Platform for the agricultural sector under the JSB COVID PREP project

#### Queries on the RFP

Query No.	Queries	Response
1.	<p>Page 5, VAT - must be exclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes.</p> <p>The pricing will be excluding VAT and other applicable indirect taxes. If VAT becomes applicable to an foreign company, VAT shall be paid seperately as we are quoting excluding VAT. Please confirm.</p>	Price should be exclusive of VAT
2.	<p>Page 6, Expertise - At least one project at regional /international level</p> <p>Can different states in one country qualify as regional client?</p>	In the context of this procurement, regional level is considered to have a higher geographical area and/or target audience than the national level, i.e. country-level. In that respect, a different state within the same country would not qualify as regional level.
3.	<p>Page 10, Award - One and only one Service Provider</p> <p>Please clarify if consortium or sub-contractor of work is allowed or not.</p>	Joint-venture or subcontracting is allowed, however, the contract would be awarded to the main service provider only.
4.	Page 16, Breakdown : Year 1 (Warranty)	Yes, however, the target dates are dependent on the contract start date. In general, the one-year warranty would start at the end of the 12

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	Warranty will start from 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022. Please confirm this one-year warranty period.	weeks contract period subject to successful commissioning, operationalisation and going live of the platform.
5.	Page 17, Breakdown: Year 2 to Year 5: Optional  Will optional cost be added for evaluation as above line in RFP mentions "If funds are available, the costs may be added to the contract price"	Yes, costs will be added to the contract price for the purpose of financial evaluation only.  Only if funds are available and at the discretion of the client, the costs will be added to the contract price in the contract before same is issued to the selected bidder.
6.	Page 18, ToR: Trade of fresh vegetables and fruits are carried out daily  Can we get past 3 years trade data (approx will do) along with buyers / sellers statistics?	There are some 30 active auctioneer operating in the Port Louis, Vacoas and Flacq wholesale market. The number of retailers are dependent on the size of market fairs. Data on price for three markets and national production of vegetables and some fruits are available on the website of FAREI at <a href="http://farei.mu/apmis/">http://farei.mu/apmis/</a>  It is expected that the service provider would collect data that is deemed relevant for the assignment as part of the market systems assessment.
7.	Page 20, ToR: Cloud-hosted and web-enabled e-Commerce Marketplace platform  We hope Amazon AWS cloud hosting is acceptable.	Bidders should propose an appropriate cloud-based hosting infrastructure which meets the requirements of the RFP.
8.	Page 32, Key Expert 1 – Market Specialist: Written evidence for experience claimed in the form of reference letters from the client. Our clients provide reference letter on company's name. Request you to please accept client's reference letter to company instead of specialist (staff) name.	Reference letter on company's name is acceptable only if the specialist (staff) name proposed is included.
9.	General  As part of technical evaluation, will there be online demo to see entire e-Commerce	No. In line with requirements at Annex 3, it is expected that the recommendations and findings of the market study would form the basis for the detailed design of the e-Commerce

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	Marketplace Platform for the agricultural sector?	<p>Marketplace Platform and same would be developed by addressing user needs through active user and stakeholder engagement.</p> <p>Please refer to section (e) of Annex 3. The proposed solution for each functional requirement should be briefly described with <b>screenshots</b> where possible by bidders in their proposal.</p>
10.	<p>"Proposals may be submitted on or before 28th February 2021 at 16:00 (Mauritian Time) via email to Procurement Unit at procurement.mu@undp.mu."</p> <p>We feel this is a typo error and it should be "procurement.mu@undp.org". Please confirm as submission of proposal is only on this email id.</p>	<p>Refer to addendum.</p> <p>Proposals may be submitted on or before 28th February 2021 at 16:00 (Mauritian Time) via email to Procurement Unit at <a href="mailto:procurement.mu@undp.org">procurement.mu@undp.org</a></p>

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