Date: Monday, July 26, 2021

Reference: **UNDPIRH-RFP-202111-M4EG -Event ID 0000009882**

Subject: Clarification Letter 2

Deadline: **22-Aug-21 @ 05:19 AM (New York time)**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Please be informed that, further to inquiries from prospective Offerors, we are sending both the clarification request received and the respective UNDP response to all Offerors and posting on relevant procurement websites in accordance with our standard practices.

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| Clarification Note: | | |
| No: | Question | Answers / Corrections |
| 1 | The deadline for submission included in the RFP’s Bid Data Sheet (13 August) differs from that published on the UNDP e-tendering website (22 August).  Regarding the previous question, can UNDP provide extensions to the deadline? | The form will be updated, the deadline is 22 August.  Unfortunately, no, we aim to keep this deadline. |
| 2 | The RFP specifies that the work will be home based with travel to the region. Should the company/consortium expect to have/deploy consultants on the ground with local knowledge and language skills? | This is not necessary as the provider will work closely with UNDP offices at the country level. Having in-country presence will however not be a minus in the overall calculation of expertise. |
| 3 | Little mention is made of climate change in the RFP, with most of the focus on municipal sustainable economic development. Given the relevance of the project to the M4EG initiative and the European Green Deal, does UNDP expect the consultants / consortium to equally address climate change considerations and build on the proposed methodology and approach? | Indeed, long term structural transformation of economies/economic growth to be within the planetary boundaries, where a key focus would be on moving away from fossil fuel dependency to limit emissions, is expected to have a central focus in both the new generation local economic plans and part of the learning centre for the municipalities. ‘Sustainable’ refers here to both inclusive and green, with governance, partnerships, finance, digitalization, innovation etc as drivers/enablers. |
| 4 | The RFP indicates time input from consultant’s side is 300 person-days. UNDP has clarified that a maximum of 80-100 days is expected for the LEDP 2.0 and for the new urban learning program a minimum of 200 days is expected. Can you clarify if there is a maximum number of days for the delivery of expected outcomes? | As noted, number of day are TBD, 300 is more of a minimum, there is no maximum, however, we would be looking at the correlation/proportionality between the bidders proposed work plan and estimated work days. Please keep in mind that days can also be added to the knowledge products. |

All other terms and conditions remain the same.

Thank you and best regards,

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