



Subject: Clarification Note

To the attention of potential applicants,

Reference is made to the Request for proposal posted on 15 August 2022 with the subject of Supply, transmission, installation, and re-commissioning of a 20-kW solar photovoltaic Off-Grid power plant in the Zabol University” with the extended deadline of 11 September 2022.

Below, please find the responses which have been answered in response to the quotations raised by one of bidders.

Question 1: We are an international company that has a strong team of engineers in the solar field in Iran. So, can our company participate as an international company without the Grade from Management and Planning organization or not?

Answer 1: The Grade from Management and Planning organization is mandatory for Iranian firms. So, it is necessary to provide us with the experience of your firm and the team in solar projects and your company must be registered legally in the UK.

Question 2: If the work is entrusted to an international company, is it possible to make payments in foreign currency (not Rials) to our bank accounts outside Iran? And if not, is it possible to pay to the representative introduced by the company (Individual) or must a local legal entity be introduced?

Answer 2: For International Bidders, their quotation shall be submitted in EUR and if a contract is issued, it would be in EUR to their bank account which would be definitely outside Iran. In such case, it is the international supplier who has contract with UNDP and being kept accountable. UNDP wouldn't have any relation with your local agent to make any payments to them.

Question 3: What are the project delivery conditions?

Answer 3: In the current situation and by replacing only 7 panels, the delivery of the project will be accepted with a 20% reduction in power from the nominal power (20 kW).

Question 4: Is it possible to extend the time for submitting documents?

Answer 4: The deadline has been already extended till 11 Sep. 2022

Question 5: Is it the responsibility of the UNDP (Zabol university) to prepare the land and implement the light foundation for installing the panels? Or this is the responsibility of the bidder? Clarifying that according to the climatic conditions of the region and to the importance of installation angles (azimuth and tilt angles) and stabilization of the frame, a light concrete foundation is a must, which will significantly increase the cost of the project implementation. On the other hand, it is possible to install panels with lower costs without levelling and concreting, which will definitely face an accident or at least displacement and loss of power plant efficiency in the future.

Answer 5: According to the RFP, the bidders should do the foundation before transmitting and installing PV panels. Hence, the responsibility to prepare the land and implement the foundation is the bidders and bidders should consider the volume and price of this kind of work in the proposals. The type of executive foundation in the proposals will be considered as the performance of the company.

Question 6: Please note that if the implementation of a light foundation is considered, soil testing is needed to estimate the foundation costs.

Answer 6: Absolutely soil testing for the implementation of the type of foundation and determining the compressive strength of concrete is needed, and you should consider this item.

Question 7: Is it possible to provide a bank guarantee from an international bank for UNDP? Or is it possible to provide Rial bank guarantee by an individual third party on behalf of the vendor?

Answer 7: The bank Guarantee from International bidders shall be sent to UNDP's office in Copenhagen.

Question 8: It is suggested that after the announcement of the winner, the tenderer should be given a period of one month to notify the employer of any other possible defects that may affect the implementation of the project through technical review, and obviously, if the employer accepts, the costs and the possible time of work increase should be added to the contract as an amendment.

Question 8: any change in the contract requirements which is identified during the contract period will be assessed by UNDP and if found to be reasonable and acceptable, the contract will be amended accordingly.