

BID BULLETIN NO. 1

ITB 98000_Drilling and equipment of 6 boreholes for 6 (six) municipal schools in Freetown and building of peripheral structures:

All prospective bidders to the abovementioned contract are hereby notified of the following additional information:

1. The bidders are reminded that the item A1.1 in the ITB in its page 83 stated the following: *“All necessary assessments, logs, studies (feasibility, summary, and detailed), drawings (in dwg and paper form) related to all work stages and components including explanatory and calculation notes explaining technical choices (architectural, hydrogeological, geological, fittings, civil engineering, hydraulic, electrical, geotechnical, mechanical).*
2. The project team has taken into consideration the concerns raised by the bidders during the pre-bid meeting regarding the risk of not finding water on the sites after the work has commenced.
3. The project team therefore advises the bidders that, for each suggested borehole placement (which shall be suggested by the contractor for each school and accepted by UNCDF project lead and/or engineer), **“all necessary assessments, logs, studies”** mentioned in this item and related to groundwater availability **shall be conducted in presence of UNCDF’s project lead in Sierra Leone and/or engineer.**
4. **In the event that these assessments reveal that there is not enough available drinkable groundwater in a given site, this should be timely notified by e mail by the contractor to UNCDF’s project lead in Sierra Leone and/or engineer who will proceed to site to validate the report.**
5. **In the event that the UNCDF engineer confirms the findings after a thorough assessment, UNCDF will provide the contractor with the alternative placement(s) in different school(s). These alternative placement(s) will be within the Freetown City Council geographic space of intervention.**
6. The intention for requesting such timely notification is to minimize the amount of time spent by the contractors in these assessment stage.