



CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

RFT: **POLP 2026/001**
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To: Interested Service Providers
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Subject: READVERTISEMENT Request for tenders (RFT): 2026 POLP-001 : Consultancy to Develop National Action Plan (NAP) on Plastics in Cook Islands.

Question 1:

We note that you have readvertised the NAP (POLP/001) development tender. The documentation appears to confirm that you are still looking for the work to be delivered exclusively a Cook Island based individual or team. Given the readvertisement we thought it was worth checking whether SPREP and NES were now open to considering a blended team for delivery of this work.

Can you please advise whether you are now open to considering a blended team – we could put together an approach combining a locally based team member supported by experienced strategic plan development specialists (with Pacific Islands experience). Given the desire for close collaboration between NES and the consultant, we would be very happy to structure delivery with regular interaction (at least weekly, but more regularly if warranted) between the wider project team and NES.

Response:

This RFT remains to specify that the tenderer must be a Cook Islands National, residing and legally entitled to work in Cook Islands. Therefore a blended approach is not preferred as such will not be accepted.
