ANSWERS TO CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

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To: Interested suppliers
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Subject: Request for tenders: Study to inform the development of a project concept note on Financing Climate Smart Landscapes for Building Resilient Livelihoods in Agriculture and Forest Ecosystems in East New Britain and New Ireland Provinces, Papua New Guinea

Question 1:
It is difficult to estimate the amount of work required for this project without a better understanding of the content and completeness of the existing draft concept note. Can a copy of the draft concept note be shared with bidders? If this is not possible, could a description of its contents, and how complete it is, be provided to bidders – for example, could a cost benefit analysis be undertaken with the information in the current version of the proposal, or is further research needed first?

Response:
Please note that the ToR, as per 2. SCOPE OF STUDY, primarily requires 3 elements (scoping, economic and financial assessment and a feasibility study) prior to reviewing the existing concept note. These lead to a Study Report (a deliverable) that will inform the development of the concept note – reference 1.2 Purpose of the Study. Thus, further research, data and information collation and analysis is needed.

The ToR Section 6. Schedule of the Assignment states that the study to be carried out over 60 working days over the period November 2021 to March 2022.

On the completeness of the concept note, Section 1 INTRODUCTION of the ToR states that the “A draft project concept note has been developed with initial comments from the GCF. A copy of the draft concept note will be made available to the successful bidder and can be used as a basis for the revised submission.” Section 2.4 of the ToR outlines the required additional information, following GCF first set of comments to be added to the draft concept note.

A copy of the draft CN with GCF first set of comments is enclosed.

Question 2:
To ensure that we design our methodology and approach in line with SPREP’s expectations, are you able to provide an indication of the budget available for the project?
Response:
Please note that this is a competitive bid and there will be a financial evaluation (20% of total scores) with scores awarded accordingly – reference evaluation criteria 6.1(b) of the RFT.