ANSWERS TO CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

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**To:** Interested suppliers  
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**Subject:** Request for tenders: Developing an Ecosystem-based Adaptation decision support tool

**Question 1:**  
The RFP states a preference for use of Drupal 9 and docker4drual docker. Could you clarify the reason for this preference and advise if submitting tenders can propose the use of alternative technology?

**Response:**  
The EbA decision support tool will be available through the Pacific Climate Change Portal which uses Drupal 7 and is being upgraded the Drupal 9. This is a mandatory requirement.

**Question 2:**  
To enable us to propose a solution that is feasible within the financial constraints of the program, are you able to advise of the budget allocated for this project?

**Response:**  
Bids below USD 40,000 will be well received.

**Question 3:**  
To enable us to determine the expertise required on the team, could you please provide additional information regarding your expectations for the cost estimates to be included in the tool? For example, could these costs be based on existing documentation of these options in other contexts/geographies? Or would you be looking for ‘bottom-up’ estimates that provides a greater reflection of the Pacific context?

**Response:**  
As noted in the RFT, our aim is to develop an EbA decision support tool using ‘lite’ technology tailored to the needs of planners at the national, subnational and community levels in the Pacific Islands region. If existing tools can meet, or be adapted to meet, the scope and functionality described in the RFT and are relevant to the different local circumstances and requirements across the region, potential suppliers may base their proposals on such an approach. For example, tools will
need to be applied in the variety of geographic settings across the Pacific Islands region ranging from small low-lying atolls to large volcanic islands.

Note a beta version of the tool will be made available for user acceptance testing by a User Advisory Group comprising regional and national Pacific Island practitioners.

**Question 4:**
Do you have an estimated budget for this tender?

**Response:**
Refer Q2

**Question 5:**
Are there additional time milestones required apart from the system being in production by June 30, 2022?

**Response:**
We will also agree a date/milestone with the successful tenderer for when the beta version of the tool is available for user testing.