

ANSWERS TO CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

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To: Interested suppliers
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Subject: Request for tenders: **Development of a Cross-Sectoral Implementation Framework for the Republic of Marshall Islands' (RMI) 2050 Climate Strategy**

Question 1:

How much of the time needs to be spent in-country by the principal contractors?

Response:

Preferably for the entire consultancy especially with the capacity building part on MRV/M&E component for the Cross Sectoral Implementation Framework but perhaps flexible to look at what their proposals would be in terms of balancing in country time and time abroad. It is clearly stipulated in the RfT (Section 3.1 i) of the RfT on Conditions: Information for Applicants) Consultant must be legally able to work in RMI for the duration of the consultancy (if an overseas consultancy firm, proof of operations should be provided i.e., business license/permit and **MUST** identify a local consultant as part of their proposal);

Question 2:

Is assistance available, if required, to identify and engage a local consultant?

Response:

If this is referring to financial assistance, then the engagement of a local consultant should be included as part of the financial proposal and itemised.

If you require assistance in identifying local contacts, then the RMI Team can be contacted for assistance:

- 1) Mr Clarence Sam, Director of Climate Change Directorate (clarencesam@gmail.com)
- 2) Ms Angeline Heine, Director of the National Energy Office (gelheine@gmail.com) &
- 3) Ms Jane Ishiguro (maruby222@gmail.com)

Question 3:

Is the local consultant funded through SPREP?

Response:

As clearly stipulated in the RFT, if your organisation is based outside of RMI you **MUST** identify a local consultant currently residing in RMI for the duration of consultancy. All associated costs for the local consultant must be built into the financial proposal and itemised.

Question 4:

Is support provided for workshop organisation and preparation? Does this come from the local support?

Response:

All related costs to this consultancy (e.g. workshop organisation and preparation) should be included in the financial proposal and itemised.

Question 5:

Is there a preferred format for the Implementation Framework or, if not, are there essential inclusions?

Response:

The preferred format would be one that captures key work across sectors of the mitigation, adaptation with targeted actions on how the NDC P WG are strategically providing input on those cross cutting areas and supporting adaptation and mitigation sectors (ie ensure gender responsive NAP, Electricity Roadmap, climate finance mobilized to support, capacity building already progressed etc.

Question 6:

Is the Partnership Plan used to both implement the NDCP WG's own activities and support the cross-cutting input into the other two WGs (page 4, bottom)?

Response:

The Partnership Plan is currently extracting activities for implementation of NDC P WG's activities with partner support as a result of the NDC P call out for support, as per Cabinet instructions which



came later for the NDC P WG mandate to provide cross cutting input into the other working groups. We would like to ensure that the cross sectoral framework responds to this by having a template that articulates all activities driven from the key cross cutting areas with a component of MRV/M&E and capacity building on M&E for all WG members and others that may benefit.

Question 7:

Is the development of a long term financing strategy (page 6, para 7) primarily to capture funding?

Response:

The ToR stipulates for the consultant to work closely with the existing work developing the long term financial strategy as other partners already working on this collaborating with the WGs specifically the Climate Finance work under the NDC P WG.

Question 8:

Does the Implementation framework need to include an estimate of costs?

Response:

This is not included in the ToR being advertised but perhaps during the work and also working closely with other partners on the financing strategy this may be possible.

Question 9:

Regarding (page 6, para 9) "...develop a strategy for capacity development of all ministries and agencies involved in the TTEC WGs, including by leveraging strengths and capacities from across government", approximately how many ministries and agencies will this involve?

Response:

All ministries and agencies areas involved in the TTEC coordination would be engaged. The capacity building would be on the development of the M&E linking to the implementation framework as articulated in the ToR. We are looking at around 40 agencies

Question 10:

Can you explain further how the financial score works (on page 11)? for SPREP

Response:

$$\text{Financial Score} = 10 \times \frac{\text{Lowest Bid Amount}}{\text{Total Bidding Amount of the Proposal}}$$

Example – Bid A is \$10,000
Bid B is \$20,000
Bid C is \$30,000

Allocated score for Bid A = $10\% \times 10,000/10,000 = 10\%$

Bid B = $10\% \times 10,000/20,000 = 5\%$

Bid C = $10\% \times 10,000/30,000 = 3.3\%$

Question 11:

Can you please outline what sort of assistance will be required for the launch (output 5)? work with the WG on the ground to coordinate and prepare program and funding for the launch - logistics can be organized through the WGs/TTEC coordination - just need the funding for catering etc

Response:

The successful bidder will collaborate closely with the Climate Change Directorate and the WGs on who is to be invited, venue, program, catering etc. A budget will need to be included in the total bid price to enable the consultant(s) to carry this out.