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## ANSWERS TO CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

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Subject: Request for tenders: **Development of the 2021 Republic of Marshall Islands State of the Environment Report**

### **Question 1:**

In order to prepare the financial proposal in US dollars, I need to see the "2016 SoE report for RMI", and related costs to prepare that report.

Is that information available anywhere?

### **Response:**

A copy of the 2016 SoE, including its brief (summary) and the 1992 RMI SoE are publicly available on the RMI Environment Data Portal <https://rmi-data.sprep.org/dataset/republic-marshall-islands-state-environment-reports>

### **Question 2:**

Will the 2021 State of Environment Report be the 2016 SoE report updated, or will it be a substantially new document?

### **Response:**

The 2021 RMI State of Environment Report will be a new document, that incorporates the results of new analysis and findings to update the changes and state of the environment in RMI since the 2016 SoE reporting.

### **Question 3:**

Is there an indicative budget for the work?

### **Response:**

We are open to competitive financial offers. Proposals will be assessed on best value for money.

### **Question 4:**

Will the local SOE Coordinator be based at the RMI Climate Change Directorate, or another agency?



**Response:**

SOE coordinator will report to and work with CCD - location of work will be “home office”.

**Question 5:**

Would SPREP and the RMI consider an expanded role for the agency housing the SOE coordinator, to be responsible for doing the compiling and analyses of existing data/uploading to the SPREP Portal, with the SOE consultant focusing solely on stakeholder workshops/small group meetings and comprehensively on report preparation? This point is raised since it was partly the intent of the 2016 SOE process to lead to capacity development for the RMI to conduct its own 5-year revision of the SOE. Clearly, since the tender has gone out requesting a package of services from a consultancy team, this objective was not fully met. If this expanded role would be considered, then the consultant team would not receive raw data from the agencies (there would be no need). Rather, they would receive already prepared graphs and tables and decisions on the state of indicators as well as new indicators, and would consult extensively on how best to present this (and data gaps that still persist) in the new SOE in the context of other RMI environment publications/regional initiatives outlined in the RFP.

**Response:**

The methodology to complete the reporting is flexible however in most cases updated data will need to be sourced from national counterparts outside CCD and in some cases interpreted for use in this report. Receiving already prepared analysis from line ministries/agencies would be acceptable – if they exist, are accessible, and verifiable.

**Question 6:**

Can the financial proposal be day rates as opposed to a lump sum?

**Response:**

Lump sum is required.

**Question 7:**

Is there an expected timeline for completion?

**Response:**

12 months or less.