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Question and answers for: SSC WC 15 (2020/2021) DALRRD

Bid: The provision of professional services in consortium/ multi-disciplinary for engineering projects, located in the Western Cape for a period of three years

Questions raised during the during the non-compulsory clarification question.

<p><u>Page 55: Pricing Data:</u> C2.1.1.1 Only refer to Value Based Fees, but in Clause C2.1.2.2 it refers to “if basis of remuneration has been set at “time based” according to C2.1.1.1)”. I assume C2.1.1.1 must therefore include “or Time Based”?</p>	<p>This is a Value based contract. The nine months duration has been stipulated purely as a means to ensure all the tenderers price on the same timeframe for the time inputs of key position staff to enable evaluation of the bids. The actual time frames for the contracts will depend on the contracts themselves and may vary depending on the size and scope of each. This will be clarified once the projects are identified and discussed with the successful tenderer at the time of appointment to undertake works.</p>
<p><u>Page 56: Pricing Data:</u> C2.1.4.1 – It says refer to C2.1.1.1 for time based, but C2.1.1.1 only have Value based shown, same as above query.</p>	

<p>To ensure that all tenderers tender for the same type of work, allowing you to compare and evaluate tendered offers that are based on the exact same scope of work, would you kindly confirm the following:</p> <p><u>Page 55: Pricing Data:</u> C2.1.2.1 says that “In the event of the basis for remuneration being a “value based” fee, the percentage of the normal fees tendered in “C1.1 Form of Offer and Acceptance”, plus Value Added Tax, <u>all according to the provisions under C2.1.3:</u>”</p> <p>But then, C2.1.3 is only for Civil, Electrical, Mechanical and Structural Engineers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where do we allow for the Architect, CPM, QS Fees? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Architects and Quantity Surveyors Fees are usually claimed over and above the Engineering Fees as they perform a different service and will claim their fees also on a value based method, where value based projects are applicable. 	<p>The pricing for the Architect, Quantity Surveyor and Project management is under Time-based services of the BoQ under item 3.1 of the pricing schedule. The hours allowed in the BOQ are nominal hours and will be re-visited once actual work packages are issued and the actual hours of time inputs of the specialists are quantified, prior to work commencing on the project.</p>
<p><u>Page 58 Pricing Data & Page 66 & 72 Activity Schedule:</u> Contradiction: Which guideline must be used to determine fees for BOQ item 2.1?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 58 refers to Guidelines for Engineering Services (2015) • Page 72 says Civil Engineering services must utilize Guidelines for Engineering Services (2010) 	<p>Use Guidelines for Engineering Services 2015. All reference in the tender document that refers to Guidelines for Engineering Services (2010) are to read Guidelines for Engineering Services (2015).</p>
<p>Which Category/Type of Work do we have to tender for under BOQ Item 2.1?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assuming the tendered % to item 2.1 is only for “Engineering Services” and not also for Architects, CPMs and Quantity Surveyors, and assuming we should be using ECSA Guidelines (2015): In the ECSA Guidelines (2015), table 4-1 on page 32 divides the project types into categories A to F, each having their own % fees you can tender for. If this a Category is not stated by the Employer, then it leaves a large range of %’s on which each tenderer can price, resulting in offers received not based on the same information, 	<p>The nature and type of the projects are unknown at this stage however the department seeks to provide infrastructure in rural areas for the next three years at a total cost of R 150 million.</p> <p>For the purposes of evaluation only, all tenderers are to use Table 4.1 – Project Type to be Category D: General Agricultural Engineering. Once the actual projects have been identified and the correct type of project is known, the fee category will be adjusted accordingly.</p>

<p>resulting in offers that can not be compared equally. Another negative outcome, if the Category is not stated, is that a tenderer can select to price on a class A works, then, if this tenderer is appointed, and he needs to complete a project of Category F nature, they will be disadvantaged. On the other hand, if this tenderer decide to price on a class C works, he risks not being competitive because there might be other tenderers who tender on a lower class, because there is no confirmed Category to ensure an equal tendering opportunity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Employer will also not be able to determine whether the tenderer is giving you a larger than 30% discount, if you do not know according to which category this item was priced. 	
<p><u>Page 60:</u> C21.3.6.3 – This clause states that No payments for OHS will be made additionally and must be allowed for under Normal Services Fees, but there is an item to be priced in boq item 4.9 for OHS services? Can we assume that the “no additional payments” is only to ensure that the appointed main Consultant do not claim any additional Fees over and above the appointed amount under item 4.9?</p>	<p>C2.1.3.6.3 has been made not applicable. This change is specified in the Addendum.</p>
<p>C2.1.3.6.3En Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act No. 85 of 1993)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No separate payment shall be made for the service specified in C3.3.2.3. The cost of providing this service shall be deemed to be included in the value based fee tendered for normal services. N/A <p>Please also note that Item 4.9 refers to “(a) in Item No 1.1 above”, I assume this should be “(a) in Item No 2.1 above”.</p>	<p>This is correct and has been corrected in the Revised BOQ.</p>

<p><u>Page 61:</u> C2.1.3.6.7 – EIA – similar question as above, This clause states that No payments for EIA will be made additionally and must be allowed for under Normal Services Fees, but there is an item to be priced in boq item 1.1 for EIA services?</p>	<p>C2.1.3.6.7 has been made not applicable. This change is specified in the Addendum.</p>
<p>C2.1.3.6.7En Environmental Impact Assessment No separate payment shall be made for the service specified in C3.3.3.1. The cost of providing this service shall be deemed to be included in the value based fee tendered for normal services. N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><u>Page 65:</u> There is no mark-up provision made for under BOQ Item 1.1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Appraise and report on the Employer’s requirements with particular regard to site information, planning and statutory regulations and budget. (e.g. Geotechnical Studies) – Prov Sum 500 000” and • “ Rezoning of proposed site – Prov Sum 500 000” <p>Is this correct? Or should a mark-up be allowed for this as payment will have to take place via the appointed consultant.</p> <p><u>Page 67:</u> To allow us to accurately price item 3.1, and to allow you to compare similar offers, what is the Category of Time Based Fees as per C2.1.4.2 that we must allow for here? Category A: Expert professional registered Category B: Principals Category C: Registered professional architect Category D: Other technical Personnel</p> <p>Also on this page, as mentioned by yourself in the Clarification Meeting, we note that you will be supplying an addendum to remove the repeated services of Civil and Structural Engineers.</p>	<p>A mark-up for these items has been added to the Revised BOQ which is issued in Addendum 1.</p> <p>The bidder should price the time – based fee according to the Professional registered key personal provided under the evaluation criteria.</p> <p>Note a rate for a Civil/ Structural Engineer is required as indicated under Item no. 3 Time-based services in the BOQ which is for an engineer with experience in both Civil and Structural works.</p>

<p><u>Page 68 and Page 74:</u> Additional Services BOQ item 4.1: It says Level 3 supervision, but C2.1.3.6.2En only have Level one and Level two. We will be assuming it is as per Fee Guidelines (2015) “Level 3: Full-time Construction Monitoring (Full time staff seconded to the client for the duration of the works and paid for by the client)”.</p> <p><u>Page 74</u> refers to Guidelines for Engineering Services (2012). We assume (2015) version must be used.</p>	<p>Level 3 supervision is required – full time construction supervision. Yes, please use Guidelines for Engineering Services (2015).</p> <p>Please use Guidelines 2015.</p>
<p><u>Page 68:</u> Also under additional services, you require tenderers to price a rate per month (over a certain construction period) for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Professional Agricultural Engineering” • “Landscape Architectural Services” • “Professional Town Planning services” • “Professional Land Surveying services” <p>Would these services not be easier to price under Item No. 1 – Planning, Studies, Investigations and Assessment Services? These Service Providers will provide the consultant with a quotation based on the required scope of work, which would be a sum of costs rather than a monthly cost. It will be difficult to price for these services in a monthly format. But if you prefer to keep it as is, we will make determine how we will price it accordingly.</p>	<p>Please price as per BOQ layout.</p>
<p><u>Page 70:</u> Items 5.3 and 5.3.1 – Provisional Sum R500,000 but mark-up on R650,000. We are going to use the 650,000 as per the item 5.3.1, but could you kindly ensure everyone use the same amount to ensure fair and equal comparison?</p>	<p>This is correct and is corrected in the Revised BOQ issued in Addendum 1.</p>
<p>Just wanted to find out if there would be a revised pricing sheet sent out with regards to the briefing that was held on Friday, 14 May 2021.</p>	<p>Addendum will include a Revised BOQ.</p>

<p>We need clarification on a matter that was not known to us at the time of the tender clarification meeting: We are a multi-disciplinary consulting engineering enterprise considering to tender for Tender No SSC WC 15 (2020/2021) DALRRD, but want to include another company as sub-consultant for architectural services. However, this specific architectural company is also as a sub-consultant involved in a competitive team. They questions is therefore: can an architectural company be part of one or more tendering teams as a sub-consultant?</p>	<p>The subconsultants on core services (as part of consortium/multidisciplinary) cannot tender on more than one team. The core services required are listed under mandatory requirement and other specialists will serve as additional / optional service when required but pricing includes all services. Architectural services is a core service</p>
<p>Can I please ask just one question, on page 92 and onwards we have to fill in all the teams CV's, are we allowed to type it in on pdf, or must it be handwritten, or are we allowed to attach our own CV's.</p>	<p>The Tables from Table 92 onwards are provided as a guide to ensure all the required information is supplied in the CV's. There is no need to complete these Tables if all the information is provided in the CV's (which must be submitted) as well as the information regarding the company experience.</p>
<p>Question 9 from the list of question from the clarification meeting: Please confirm registration requirement for Project Manager. There are some discrepancies in the document. Can we regard Section 2 as the correct requirement?</p>	<p>The question was withdrawn. The requirement for the Construction and Project Manager is registration under the Construction and Project Management Profession Act, 2000 (Act 48 of 2000).</p>

The deadline for submitting questions and seeking clarity is seven (7) days before the close of the Tender.