

Clarification 2

Question received from a potential bidder

Abu Dhabi,
31 August 2020

Dear Madam or Sir,

The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) hereby advises all interested bidders for (RFP) for the following consultancy for: **Capacity Building on Planning and Operation of Western African Power Grids with Higher Shares of Variable Renewable Energy.**

Please find below our responses (**text in blue**) to the questions:

1. Team quality: In page 22/31, under “Criteria for evaluation of offers”, it states “Proficiency of the team in speaking and writing both English and French is mandatory”. – Does this mean all of the 5 experts have to be fluent in both languages or do they have to cover both languages as a team?

The experts will have to cover the both (2) languages as a team

2. Regarding the languages, could we foresee trainings with interpreters, or do we have to provide teachers that speak directly in the needed language?

The trainers will have to speak directly to the participants in the needed language

3. Regarding the “**Optional Task**”, how should we submit the offer? Should we create a new document where we cover the proposed work plan, approach etc. regarding that Training of Trainers?

Bidders to submit their technical proposal for the optional task/component (i.e. deliverables ii and iii), identified as such, and as a separate electronic file (in pdf format) in their technical proposal and it will be technically reviewed by IRENA and qualified by our evaluation team.

The technical proposal to be submitted as for (a) deliverables (i), (iv) & (v); and (b) technical proposal for the “optional tasks” - deliverables (ii) & (iii) to be submitted as a separate file.

The financial proposal should exclude the optional task/component (i.e. deliverables ii and iii). IRENA would then inform GIZ of the outcome of our solicitation process and selection of the qualified firm as per our evaluation criteria page 15 of the Data Sheet in the RFP. GIZ will then request the winning bidder to provide a financial proposal for deliverable ii & iii; and GIZ will award the contract for deliverables ii and iii directly.

4. We see that this assignment is part of the “continuation” of the regional capacity building programme initiated in 2017 focusing on the management of power grids with higher shares of variable renewable power. Is there already any documentation regarding that programme and its

outcome? It would maybe allow us to better understand what has been done so far and how the work has been organised in that area until now”.

Please find attached - the programme detailing the topics that have been covered. This first training was followed up by a Study Tour in China for which the agenda is also attached:

Note bid closing deadline is - **Monday, 14 September 2020, Time: 14.00 Hours, GST (Gulf Standard Time), Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE).**

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Submit your bids to IRENA Secure Bid email: Bids@Irena.Org

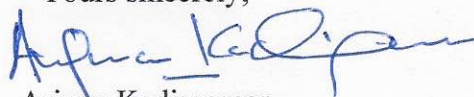
Note – bids to submitted in two (2) separate electronic files (pdf format) – cover sheet marked as:

- 1. Technical Proposal – Name of Bidder**
- 2. Financial Proposal – Name of Bidder.**

The technical proposal must not contain any financial information of the offer. Failure to comply will lead to disqualification of your bid.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments:

- 1 Grid_Integration_Training_Programme
- 2 Study Tour on the Planning and Operation of Grids with High Shares of Variable Renewable Energy - China