To All Invited Bidders.

We have received the following inquiry from a potential bidder.

1. Is the 40-person days of work a hard limit or could this be exceeded in the bid?
2. Do you have a budget range that you can share for the work?
3. Do you have ceilings for the daily rates that can be charged?

Our response in Red:

1. Is the 40-person days of work a hard limit or could this be exceeded in the bid?

* The 40-person-days of work is based on our best estimate and on the expected time-line by which the report must be finalised. Although the 40 person days of work may be adjusted in the bid, the deadline by which the work must be finalised is a hard dead-line and cannot change.

1. Do you have a budget range that you can share for the work?

* With respect to the budget, as a matter of policy, we do not publish the projected / budgeted value.  This is a common practice in the UN and other international organisations.

1. Do you have ceilings for the daily rates that can be charged?

* We do not impose / have ceiling on the consultant’s rates.  However, please keep in mind the evaluation criteria and the Best Value for Money (BVM) principals that will be in force – and enumerated in the RFP – DS 22, page 15- i.e. Combined Scoring method 70/30 (Technical and Financial Proposal)
* The technical proposal shall be weighted 70% and the financial proposal shall be weighted 30 %.
* To be deemed compliant – the technical proposal must meet / exceed the cut-off score of 70%.
* The award will be made to the firm receiving the highest aggregate score – meeting IRENA’s Best Value for Money (BVM) criteria.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional clarification.

Rgds

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Procurement Officer