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CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE CONDUCT OF FEASIBILITY STUDIES (FS) OF THE VARIOUS PROJECTS UNDER THE FEASIBILITY STUDIES FUND

TO : ALL SHORTLISTED CONSULTANTS

Hereunder are the clarifications/amendments to the bidding documents and other matters for the above procurement as discussed during the pre-proposal conferences held on 01 October 2014 and 03 October 2014:

Particulars	Clarification/Amendment
a. Payment terms for Remuneration of Personnel (Non-reimbursable Cost)	<p>Participating shortlisted consultants may include in their Financial Proposal their proposed terms of payment for the remuneration of personnel assigned to the project. However, billing for payment of remuneration shall not be made more than once a month and must be supported by a certification under oath from the Consultant that the concerned personnel have rendered the required amount of service for the period for which payment of remuneration will be made. Total costs for remuneration shall be in accordance with the financial proposal but not to exceed the amount allocated under the TOR.</p> <p>Any inconsistent provision in the bidding documents and Terms of Reference are hereby amended accordingly.</p>
b. Reimbursable Costs	<p>The total amount of expenses entitled for reimbursement shall be in the budget for reimbursable expenses indicated in the financial proposal but not to exceed the amount allocated under the TOR. The Consultant will be allowed to realign the budgets/costs for items under reimbursable expenses as long as the total amount of reimbursable expenses indicated in the financial proposal is not exceeded.</p>
c. Nomination of Personnel for the Technical Proposal	<p>The same expert/personnel may be nominated by different participating shortlisted Consultants provided that the said expert/personnel will issue a commitment undertaking under oath that he/she will work for the project once the participating consultant which nominated him/her is awarded the contract, consistent with Section 10.2.b.ix of the Instructions to Bidders.</p>
d. Change in personnel and/or in number of man-months	<p>Consultancy positions may be merged as long as the required expertise is still present. Participating shortlisted Consultants may also propose additional positions that would be consistent with the proposed methodology as long as the resulting total costs for remuneration will not exceed the total budget for remuneration indicated in the TOR. During contract implementation, the Consultant will be allowed to modify or re-align, as necessary, the number of man-months originally allocated for personnel in its proposal provided that there shall be no</p>

	<p>corresponding increase in the contract price and prior approval by NEDA and the concerned implementing agency will be secured. Change in personnel for any reason shall require prior approval by NEDA and the concerned implementing agency.</p> <p>Any inconsistent provision in the bidding documents and Terms of Reference are hereby amended accordingly.</p>
e. Government counterpart personnel	<p>NEDA and the concerned implementing agency have to option to provide up to four (4) counterpart personnel for the purpose of knowledge transfer and provision of assistance to the consultants. Said government counterpart personnel will not be entitled to honoraria or remuneration for its involvement in the consultancy work. However, all other costs attendant to the participation of the government counterpart personnel, such as cost of transportation, accommodation, meals, etc., will be shouldered by the Consultant as part of reimbursable expenses. Furthermore, the Consultant shall provide office space sufficient to accommodate the consulting team including the four (4) possible counterpart personnel from government.</p> <p>Depending on the exigencies of the service, some or all of the government counterpart personnel may be recalled to NEDA and/or the concerned implementing agency at any time within the duration of the contract. The participation of the government counterpart personnel should not in any way prejudice the deliverables and outputs of the Consultant under the contract.</p>
f. Materials/information relevant to the project	<p>NEDA and the implementing agency will provide to the participating shortlisted Consultants to the extent possible, documents pertinent to the project to be used as guide and reference in preparing their proposals, subject to the signing of a Confidentiality Agreement under oath. Requests for copies of related documents shall be made in writing to NEDA or the implementing agency. Reproduction costs and notarization cost shall be borne by the Consultants.</p>
g. Value/Options Analysis	<p>Value/options analysis shall be integrated into the studies and reports of the Consultant, wherein all options, including the corresponding benefits, costs and risks, shall be assessed and presented.</p> <p>For instance, in the case of the Kabulnan Multipurpose Irrigation and Power Project, all options for design and configuration should be studied and presented including the option optimizing the irrigation component, the option optimizing the power component, and all other options in between. In the case of the appropriate WTE technology covering LGUs in the Manila Bay area, all options in terms of WTE technology for each LGU should be studied and presented taking into consideration the institutional aspect, among others.</p>
h. Joint Venture Agreements	<p>Joint Venture Agreements may be amended prior to the submission of proposals provided that the amended agreement shall explicitly indicate, among others, the term "Joint Venture" in the title of the agreement and specify the lead firm for the undertaking. Amended Joint Venture</p>

	Agreements shall be included in the proposal of the participating shortlisted Consultants.
i. Payments to Consultant, in case of joint ventures	All payments shall be made to the lead JV Partner only.
j. Section 5.1 of the TOR for the FS for the Establishment of a Commercial Sweet Sorghum Plantation and a Sweet Sorghum Syrup Processing Plant in the Philippines	<p>The following are revisions to the expertise/skill requirements for Project Manager:</p> <p><i>"Years of expertise in handling sweet sorghum <u>or sugarcane</u> plantations and processing operations"</i></p> <p><i>"Years of experience in commercial implementation of sweet sorghum <u>or sugarcane</u> in the Philippines".</i></p>
k. Section 4.2 of the TOR for the FS for the Kabulnan-2 Multi-Purpose Irrigation and Power Project (K2MIPP)	The draft and final VE/VA reports are deleted from the list of deliverables as VE/VA will already be incorporated in other reports/deliverables, consistent with item (g) of this Bid Bulletin. The National Irrigation Administration (NIA) will provide its comments on the draft inception report within ten (10) calendar days from submission.
l. Section 3.2.2 of the TOR for FS for the Appropriate Waste-to-Energy (WTE) Technology covering 178 Local Government Units (LGUs) in the Manila Bay Region	The capacity-building workshop on the use of the planning tool will also be conducted for the concerned LGUs.
m. Submission of further requests for clarification/queries	<p>Shortlisted Consultants may still submit in writing any additional request for clarification or query on the Bidding Documents and TOR on or before the following dates:</p> <p><u>21 October 2014, 5:00 PM</u> - FS for the Establishment of a Commercial Sweet Sorghum Plantation and a Sweet Sorghum Syrup Processing Plant in the Philippines</p> <p><u>27 October 2014, 5:00 PM</u> – FS for the: i) K2MIPP, ii) Appropriate WTE Technology covering 178 LGUs in the Manila Bay Region, and iii) Non-Revenue Water Reduction and Control Projects and Concept Designs for Sanitation Projects</p> <p>Shortlisted Consultants may transmit their requests for clarification/queries through e-mail, facsimile or other wireless means, however, such requests/queries will only be entertained by NEDA upon its receipt of the original signed communication bearing the company's letterhead.</p>

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