



CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

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To: Interested Service Providers
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Subject: Request for tenders: The Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) Climate Finance and Project Design Experts Consultancy.

Question 1:

Is the tender open for firms and individuals both?

Response:

Yes

Question 2:

Is there a specific budget allocated for this tender?

Response:

This is a competitive process and thus budget depends on bids relative to proposals.

Question 3:

We note the scale of this project is large and would require a project manager. Is the costing for the project manager expected to be developed as a separate member of the team?

Response:

This consultancy does not require a project manager. The tender is open to individually qualified and experienced consultants, consultancy firm or consortium of experts who can offer their services based on requirements stipulated in the tender.

Question 4:

Is there an approximate budget envelope you're able to share for this consultancy?

Response:

Refer Q2

Question 5:

If a member of our consortium has contributed to work revolving around supporting the PCCC Knowledge Brokering Community of Practice in the past, are there any conflicts of interest that disqualifies their participation in this tender?

Response:

There is no perceived conflict of interest in this case, it is an advantage having some experiences working with the PCCC at least on supporting the KB COP

Question 6:

As the tender has a regional focus in the Pacific, are there any restrictions for a U.S.-based organization to be the lead for this project?

Response:

There are no restrictions however, the consultant needs to meet local registration requirements in this case, the U.S

Question 7:

Are you open to considering Expert II (Climate Change Project Development Specialist) as the Team Leader for this project instead of Expert I: International Finance and Climate Change Expert?

Response:

The International Finance and Climate Change Expert may lead, the Climate Change Development Specialist may oversee technical matters. We are focusing on deliverables in addition to experts that displays clear understanding of the scope, objectives, deliverables and timelines of the work.

Question 8:

Can one expert satisfy two roles if they possess necessary skills for both?

Response:

We recommend an individual expert for a single role because of the dedicated time, effort required and the need to focus on high quality deliverables and deadlines.

Notable: unless there are strong justifications as why one expert can be considered for two roles, the panel will deliberate and may endorse the recommendation.

Question 9:

Our understanding of the Knowledge Broker (KB) is that they would design a project with a KB concept. Are we correct in our assumption that KB needs to have a strong understanding of creative and journalistic writing skills, as well as creative approaches to science communications, decision-making, and action but would not be directly applying these skills in the project design process? We are asking as this might change the skills profile of the proposed candidate.

Response:

The requirement of this component is to formulate a capacity development for knowledge brokerage proposal focusing on the private sector, women, youths and the most vulnerable in the Pacific and we are open to consider relevant skillsets in related areas such as international development, development economics, sustainable development, environmental studies, conflict studies, sociology, political science etc.

Question 10:

Is the consultancy firm expected to conduct a quantitative (i.e., financial) business case on establishing an innovative climate investment hub or are the recommended options/business case performed on a qualitative basis only?

Response:

The latter. We are more looking at establishing the hub looking and its organizational structures created to support and foster innovation (how will it look like?), investment plan?, start-up development, technological entrepreneurship, how interaction between startups, investors, entrepreneurs, researchers, government officials, and other stakeholders would engage and invest in the hub.

Question 11:

Is the consultancy firm expected to conduct a quantitative (i.e., financial) business case on establishing an innovative climate investment hub or are the recommended options/business case performed on a qualitative basis only?

Response:

See above Q10

Question 12:

Will the consultancy firm be required to work with PCCC to build its existing concept note of the innovation hub?

Response:

Yes, based on the concept already developed by the PCCC

Question 13:

Will any assistance be provided to the consultancy firm for identifying the countries, national universities, and research institutions in the proposal on traditional knowledge and practice to adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change (objective 2 – consultancy objective and outputs)?

Response:

PCCC will provide recommendations.

Question 14:

Will scope of work 3.1 require consultations to be conducted to undertake some of the key activities?

Response:

Yes, plus desktop review (3.1 Undertake an assessment and study on alternative and innovative climate finance options for PICTs to inform the establishment of an innovative climate investment hub within the PCCC.)

Question 15:

For scope of work 3.2, will the consultancy firm be provided with the lessons from the SPREP TK project under the Climate and Ocean Support for the Pacific (COSPPac) and Van-KIRAP?

Response:

PCCC colleagues will provide necessary information from SPREP implemented and relevant projects, where required.

Question 16:

Will the consultancy firm take full responsibility for the Pacific regional proposals or are they required to work in collaboration with PCCC/SPREP on assisting them to build the proposals?

Response:

Work in collaboration with PCCC/SPREP to build the proposals.

Question 17:

Is the final visit to finalize and present on innovative hub inclusive of the “at least 3 travels visit to the PCCC team” (8.0 Schedule of the Assignment) or does that need to be additionally budgeted for?

Response:

All costs should be included and reflected in the financial proposal.

Question 18:

Is there an expectation/limit on the number of PICTs/target countries that need to be assessed/consulted with across all scope areas?

Response:

No, but it is strongly recommended coverage of the three sub-regions of Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia

Question 19:

For the PICTs/target countries in scope, will the consultancy firm be required to travel in-country for consultations within these countries or can this be done via desktop review?

Response:

Preferably desktop review and online consultations. PCCC can assist with the coordination of online meetings with the countries.

Question 20:

For objective/output 3 & 4 (2.0 consultancy objectives and outputs), will these proposals be tailored for a specific donor funding agency or are they for internal purposes of the PCCC?

Response:

We are not targeting a specific donor, but funding proposals should be aligned to the work of the PCCC and proposals where PCCC can easily refine and facilitate to the most suitable funders and funding types.



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Question 21:

For each scope item, can you please clarify whether the use of the word 'proposal' refers to concept note or project proposal document?

Response:

Grant Project proposals

Question 22:

Is there an indicative budget/fee for this engagement?

Response:

This is a competitive process and thus budget depends on bids relative to proposals.