



## ANSWERS TO CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

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Subject: Request for tenders: **Development of National Building Codes and Standards for Nauru**

### **Question 1:**

Is there an expectation for the consultants 'in-country time? If so, how many site visits and for what duration?

### **Response:**

Due to COVID-19 lockdowns around the world, consultants can sub-contract to “locals” in order to collect the information required. All the costs are to be part of the financial proposal.

### **Question 2:**

What accommodation and travel arrangements would be made – would accommodation, meals and flight be provided by SPREP at cost? If so is that cost still to be included in the consultant tender?

### **Response:**

All those costs are to be part of the financial proposal from the bidders.

### **Question 3:**

What building code/guidelines (if any) does Nauru currently use?

### **Response:**

Currently Nauru does not have any building code.

### **Question 4:**

We query the premise that two sets of codes are required – ‘stringent’ and ‘less stringent’. It may be difficult to justify the correct application of either code. For instance:

- a. What is the definition of ‘government and commercial infrastructure’ (eg is a village shop a ‘commercial’ building?)
- b. Would a 3 storey house be built to a less stringent standard than a single storey government office? etc



**Response:**

Government – any office buildings belonging to the government including State-Owned-Enterprises;  
Commercial – Hotels, warehouses for wholesale & supermarkets  
Less stringent guidelines for the residential sector.

**Question 5:**

We recommend that for ease of governance and enforcement, one code with relevant standards is legally applicable. Subservient to the law, the *enforcement* of the code can be discretionary within tightly defined regulations.

**Response:**

The main aim is to have ONE building code with clear demarcations of which parts of the code apply to which type of structure. The defined regulations will definitely satisfy that purpose.

**Question 6:**

Will all relevant documents currently applicable be provided to the successful consultant? Refer to Output 1 Inception report ...*desktop review of all relevant existing documentation...* . If not then online access and obtaining hardcopies could add to the time required for the inception report.

**Response:**

All the existing information is expected to be provided by the Nauru government to assist with this assignment.

**Question 7:**

Timeline notes each phase of deliverables must be completed within the specific time given. Each phase requires reviews and approvals from Nauru Government etc. Is the review/approval part of the timeline? If so timing cannot be guaranteed because it is dependent on 3<sup>rd</sup> parties. Please confirm.

**Response:**

Those timelines are to be adhered to. The SPREP NDC Hub team is always available to work with the successful bidder and the Nauruan Government on keeping to these timelines. If however the approval from the Nauruan government is delayed, then the consultant and NDC Hub team can visit other options.

**Question 8:**

Does SPREP require the consultant be a single legally registered entity? If consultants from a variety of disciplines each have their own registered company would SPREP accept a submission that is a JV between all companies (with each company jointly and severally liable) or does SPREP require only one main consultant who would engage the others as sub consultants?

**Response:**

SPREP requires one main consultant who would then engage its sub-contractors. The sub-contractors should be listed as “Other Proposed Personnel” in the tender application form.