



1st June 2017

TENDER REFERENCE NUMBER: MGOZ T 20/2017

TENDER FOR THE DRAFTING SERVICES OF A COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS IN CONNECTION WITH THE UPGRADING & DEVELOPMENT OF THE CENTRE OF INNOVATION, RURAL SCIENCES, & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AT THE GOVERNMENT'S EXPERIMENTAL FARM IN XEWKIJA, GOZO

Clarification no. 5

Reference is made to the above-mentioned Call for Tenders. **Kindly find hereunder replies to Clarification requests raised by a prospective bidder and submitted on the 31st of May 2017 on the epps;**

1. Article 6.1 of the ITT states that no clarification meeting/site visit is planned for this tender. However, it would be greatly appreciated if the CA will reconsider the above and organise a clarification meeting on site in order to allow prospective bidders to fully understand the requirements of this tender and be in a better position to offer value for money bid.

Reply:

A clarification meeting/site visit will be held on Thursday, 8th June 2017, at 10.00 a.m. at the Government's Experimental Farm in Xewkija. On the basis of this decision, the deadline for this call will be extended till the 20th June 2017 at 9.30 a.m.

2. Article 18.2 of the special conditions states that in the eventuality that the Managing Authority publishes the call for proposals during the execution period, the Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) has to be concluded (1) one week prior to the closing date of the call for proposals. Does this mean that the CBA may have to be concluded prior to the 7 weeks from commencement order, possibly even within one week from the signature of the contract?

Reply:

As per clause 3.1 of the Terms of Reference and as stipulated in Article 18.2 of the Special Conditions, bidders have to take into the consideration the tight deadlines, including the eventuality mentioned in question no.2 above.

3. As per Article 24.1 of the Special Conditions, any amendments/or updates requested by the Managing Authority on the CBA have to be catered for by the contractor at no additional cost.

However, please confirm or otherwise that any costs for amendments/or updates on the CBA, which will be requested by the Contracting Authority or Managing Authority during project implementation and following the closure of the project, will be borne by the Contracting Authority.

Reply:

As per clause 24.1 of the Special Conditions any costs pertaining to any requested updates and modifications of the CBA during project implementation and following project closure shall be borne by the Contractor.

4. Which sub-articles mentioned in Article 12 and Article 13 of the General Conditions are applicable for this contract?

Reply:

Articles 12 and 13 of the General Conditions for Service contracts apply in their entirety for this contract.

All other call for Tender documents, conditions and requirements remain in place.

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