**Questions relatives au CRA GRANTS MANAGER (2ième série de questions reçues le 07 juillet 2017)**

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| 1 | Please clarify the number of personnel who offerors are required to propose in response to the subject solicitation? | It is up to the proposers to come up with their best technical approach with respect to personnel in response to the solicitation.  Please refer to ITC 12.2 (c) and the response to question 9 in the first series of questions for general guidance on number of key staff. | Il appartient aux soumissionnaires de proposer leur meilleure approche technique en ce qui concerne le personnel en réponse à la sollicitation. Toutefois la réponse à la question 9 de la première série donne les efforts (LOE : level of effort) estimés à titre indicatif dans les TdRs. |
| 2 | Can you please provide the PowerPoint presented at the bidders' conference in Niamey and the solicitation itself? And can you please provide guidance on whether the PowerPoint or the RFP takes precedence in the event of a discrepancy between the two? | The RFP takes precedence.  Refer to the response of the question 13 of the first Serie of questions. | C’est la DP qui prévaut.  Prière de se référer à la réponse 13 de la première série de question. |
| 3 | Please provide minutes or notes, or a summary of the bidders' conference? | The list of attendance at the pre-bid conference is attached to these file of Questions/Answers | La liste de présence des participants à la conférence préalable est en fichier attaché à ces Questions/Réponses. |
| 4 | Would you please consider allowing a one week extension of the deadline for proposals, to July 31st? | Deadline for submission of the proposals has been extended to July 31st at 11:00 am, Niamey time, at the same venue. | La date limite de soumission des propositions a été prorogée jusqu’au 31 juillet 2017 à 11 heures, heure de Niamey au même lieu. |
| 5 | ITC 15.1 states currency of the proposal will be either US$ or CFA, but not a combination of the two. Can we ignore the local currency column in the financial proposal if US$ are used? | Yes. In that case, you can ignore the local currency column in the financial proposal if US$ are used | Oui. Dans ce cas, on peut ignorer la colonne indiquant la monnaie locale dans la proposition financière |
| 6 | Form TECH-2A requires submission of audited financial statements for the last three (3) years (2014, 2015, and 2016). Our audited financial statement of 2016 is not yet finalized. Can we submit audited statements of 2013, 2014 and 2015? | No. Audited financial statements for the last three years have to be submitted. | Non. Les états financiers vérifiés pour les trois dernières années doivent être soumis. |
| 7 | Should Remuneration cost be included in the Activity Cost of FIN-3? In the other words, does the total of Fin 3 and Fin 4 add up to the total of Fin 2? | The total price to be paid by the MCA Entity in FIN-2 must coincide with the sum of the relevant sub-totals indicated in Form FIN-3.  FIN-2 Price Summary  FIN-3 Breakdown of Price by Activity FIN-4 Breakdown of Price by Remuneration (fully loaded price). | Le prix total à payer par MCA dans le formulaire FIN-2 doit coïncider avec la somme des sous-totaux pertinents indiqués dans le formulaire FIN-3.  FIN-2 Sommaire des prix  FIN-3 Répartition des prix par activité FIN-4 Répartition des prix (globaux) par rémunération |
| 8 | The RFP on page 65 establishes the value of the CRA Grant Facility at $12.5 million. Can you please clarify if this amount includes the cost of grants or just the costs of managing the facility? | This amount consists of the grants **and** the administrative and management cost of the Facility | Ce montant comprend les subventions et le coût administratif et de gestion de la Facilité |
| 9 | The RFA staffing and key personnel section (page 114, 4.2.1 Overview) mentions that "The total level of effort should not be changed". But the LOE table on page 116 provides an indicative LOE for key personnel. In several cases, key positions such as the Small-Scale Ag Expert/Deputy Team Lead and The Grants Specialist, which are critical to the success of the project, are listed as part time during periods of project implementation. Is there flexibility on how tenders respond to this and determine the LOE for each of the positions required? | The GM must provide the necessary staff to perform the services described in these Terms of Reference. Some of the technical staff may also be part-time with LOEs that vary depending on the phase of project implementation. The LOE indicated in the TOR are just an estimation. The Consultant must come up with its best organizational scheme in its proposal. | Le GM doit fournir le personnel nécessaire pour effectuer les services décrits dans ces termes de référence. Certains membres du personnel technique peuvent également être à temps partiel avec des niveaux d’effort qui varient en fonction de la phase de mise en œuvre du projet. Les efforts donnés dans les TDRs sont à titre indicatif. Donc il est donné la latitude aux soumissionnaires de présenter leur schéma d’organisation optimal. |
| 10 | Is it possible for the Contractor to reduce the number of eligible CRA Communes to fewer than 18? There is no clear justification from MCC why the three Communes are included from Kollo Department, Tillaberi Region (Kouré, Libore and N'Dounga Communes). These Communes are not contiguous to or impact the watersheds where the Irrigation Perimeters (IPs) are being built or rehabilitated (Gaya in Dosso Region and Konni in Tahoua Region). Five Communes proposed in the RFP have limited or no irrigation potential (in Dosso Dept. Tessa, Tombo Koirey I, and Tombo Koirey II, and Dakoro Dept; in Maradi - Dan Goubli and Sabon Machi Communes). | The communes were selected in partnership with the World Bank during the design of the CRA project and are the designated CRA sites, therefore, the Consultants’ proposal should include all 18 communes. Since CRA is a separate project from the Irrigation Perimeters, it is not intended that all communes are continguous with the perimeters. The CRA communes were selected in part for regional diversity and the presence of both rainfed and irrigated agriculture through a systematic process described in the MCC Compact with the Government of Niger and in the World Bank PASEC documents. It is not expected that irrigation will be a primary project in all CRA communes as again, CRA is a distinct project from the large-scale irrigation. It is likely that these communes will be administered from their respective regional offices. | . Les communes ont été sélectionnées en partenariat avec la Banque Mondiale lors de la conception du projet CRA et sont les sites désignés de l'ARC. Par conséquent, la proposition des consultants devrait inclure les 18 communes. Puisque CRA est un projet distinct des Périmètres d'Irrigation, il n’est pas nécessaire que toutes les communes soient contiguës avec les périmètres. Les communes de l'ARC ont été sélectionnées en partie pour la diversité régionale et la présence de l'agriculture pluviale et irriguée par un processus systématique décrit dans le Compact de MCC avec le gouvernement du Niger et dans les documents PASEC de la Banque mondiale. On ne s'attend pas à ce que l'irrigation soit un projet principal dans toutes les communes de l'ARC puisque l'ARC est un projet distinct de l'irrigation à grande échelle. Il est probable que ces communes seront administrées de leurs bureaux régionaux respectifs. |
| 11 | Timing for Option 1 and 2 as per p. 31-33 & p 119 in the RfP:   If we expect start by August 2017   * Will the decision for Option 1 or 2   be made at end of the selection period i.e. October 2018, or another time, kindly indicate? * Is it correctly understood that end of Option 1 will be October 2020? * Is it correctly understood that the end of Option 2 will be April 2021? | See p 80 and pg 107 of the RFP. If the GM is mobilized in Aug 2017, then likely:   * The decision for option 1 will be made prior to Feb-March 2018; the decision for option 2 will be made after October 2018 and prior to April 2019 after assessing the Consultant’s performance and results from selection of Round 1. * End of Option 1 will be Oct-Nov 2020 * End of Option 2 will be Nov-Dec 2021 (Note that the heading of section 2.3. Tasks & Deliverables (Option 2 Period) October 2018 – March 2021 on p 107 contains an error. The intended dates for Option 2 are in fact May 2019 - November 2021. The table on p 80 of the RFP and the description on p 107 take precedent. | Voir p 80 et pg 107 de la DP. Si le GM est mobilisé en août 2017, il est probable :  • La décision relative à l'option 1 sera faite avant février-mars 2018 ; La décision de l'option 2 sera prise après octobre 2018 et avant avril 2019 après avoir évalué la performance du consultant et les résultats de la sélection de la première ronde.  • La fin de l'option 1 sera octobre-novembre 2020  • La fin de l'option 2 sera le novembre-décembre 2021 (Notez que l'en-tête de la section 2.3. « Tâches et livrables (Période de l'option 2) Octobre 2018 - Mars 2021 » sur p 107 contient une erreur. Les dates prévues pour l'option 2 sont en fait mai 2019 - Novembre 2021. Le tableau de la p. 80 de la DP et la description sur p 107 sont correct. |
| 12 | Composition of TEP p. 76     * Who will nominate the members of the TEP? Will it be the consultant or MCA? * Who will cover the cost of the TEP – remuneration, per diem, travel etc., particularly if TEP members are international? * Can you clarify the role of the TEPs – according to the ToRs p 76 they are both to review the full grant proposals and business plans as well as approve the technical assistance and procurement plans for the grant (proposals). Does this mean they will review and rank the proposals or will they review, rank and approve proposals? | The roles of key entities in oversight, decision-making, management and implementation of CRA Facility are outlined in the activity implementation structure on p. 13.  The consultant will recruit members of the TEP. MCA can provide nominations.  MCA will cover the cost of the TEP.  The TEP will make a recommendation on approval of proposals with final approval/no objection to be given by MCA, with portfolio level no objection from MCC.  Please refer to the General Directive Document found on the UCPMC Website for additional information on the selection process: http://ucpmc.ne/index.php/cra-grants-manager-documentations/  (Note that it was formerly contemplated that a CRA Regional Approval Committee give portfolio level approval but this role will be supplanted by MCA Niger). | Le rôle des entités clés dans la supervision, la prise de décision, la gestion et la mise en œuvre de la Facilité de CRA sont décrits dans la structure de mise en œuvre de l'activité, p. 13. |