Clarifications for Invitation to Tender (JJA-UHD-56323)

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#	Question	Answer
1	Does a Ugandan with International work experience qualifies as International or it should be a Non-National?	A Uganda with international work experience qualifies – we consider experience not nationality
2	Bidding structure. ToR section 8.1 states that the review employs three consultants, either as individuals or a firm based in Uganda. Is a bid acceptable from a Uganda-based firm that includes an international Team Leader affiliated with a separate international firm or working as an individual associate? If so, which entity must provide the registration documents, trading licence, VAT certificate and URA Tax Clearance Certificate?	Yes, this is very well possible. The Ugandan based firm must provide the mentioned documentation.
3	International Team Leader. Please confirm that "international expert" means an expert not resident in Uganda, and that the Team Leader may be contracted through the lead Ugandan firm.	Where the International Team Leader resides is not relevant. We look at international work experience on similar assignments. Indeed, the TL may be contracted by the lead Ugandan firm.
4	Budget. ToR section 9.1 gives a maximum of UGX 300 million including all taxes, and also states that GOAL handles value-added tax. Please confirm whether VAT is included within the UGX 300 million ceiling, and whether withholding tax is deducted from payments.	The word handle Value Added Tax, meant that we are authorised by Tax body to remit VAT to the authority. Therefore, the available budget is inclusive of all Taxes which does include value added tax. Yes, withholding tax is deducted on all payments as per law.
5	References. The ToR requires references for at least three comparable assignments within the past five years, while the ITT submission checklist requires reference letters from the last three years. Which period applies, and may references be drawn from the lead firm and its associate partners combined?	The exact timeline will not be seen as a very important criterion. So, we can take five years on this sides. Please feel free to submit all relevant experiences that you feel can proof our suitability.
6	Key informant interviews. Section 5.4 repeats the sentence "at least 30 FGDs". Please confirm the	We leave this decision to you. Simply explain the target that you set yourself.

	minimum number of key informant interviews expected.	
7	Deliverables. The deliverables table skips item 3, and the third payment tranche refers to "sub-region briefs", which are not listed as a deliverable. Please confirm the full list of deliverables, including any sub-region briefs.	Consider the sub-regions briefs as redundant. It is NOT a deliverable.
8	Appendix numbering and submission subject line. • The ITT refers to the Terms and Conditions as Appendix 4, 5 and 6 in different places, and the Supplier Code of Conduct as Appendix 5 and 7. • The ToR requests the email subject "Proposal for Mid-Term Review for INSPIRE Project", while the ITT asks for the title and reference of the tender. Please confirm the correct numbering and subject line.	Note the correct Appendices; Appendix4. GOAL Terms and Condition Appendix 5- GOAL Supplier Code of Conduct Appendix 6- GOAL Contract Template – FWA Services Reference to ITT referencing. ***Provision of Consultancy Services to Conduct Mid Term Review for INSPIRE Project, Ref JJA-UHD-56323***
9	Contract terms. Please confirm whether (a) clause 14 of the contract template (assignment of intellectual property to GOAL) is compatible with the consultant's editorial independence stated in ToR section 6.1, and (b) clause 19 (restrictions) applies to the lead firm and its associate partners, and not only to the individual consultants.	The consultants are independent and can write whatever they feel relevant. The intellectual property clause means that the consultants cannot disclose the report to third parties without the approval of GOAL. The word 'consultant' here refers to all experts and organisations involved in the MTR.
10	We have noted that the whole technical proposal has a page limit of 20 pages including annexes and CVS for 3 Staff, each submitting at least 4 pages This number of pages is very small, kindly consider doubling this number to cater for detailed submissions.	The 20 pages does not include the annexes.
11	Looking at the requirements set out in the ToR, it seems that the	See question 2.The theoretical answer is that any legible firm that meets the requirements is invited.

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	consulting firm to do the assignment should be Ugandan. For example, it says that consultants or the firm should be based in Uganda (sub-section 8.1) and that the budget shall be in Ugandan Shillings (sub-section 9.1). We would like to know if we as a Dutch consulting firm are eligible to submit a proposal. And if so, can we submit a proposal in EUR instead of Ugandan Shillings?	In practice it is hard to see how a firm not based in Uganda can meet requirements like an URA tax clearance. Bidders that are not based in Uganda and still think they can meet these requirements are invited to contact GOAL to explain their ideas on this. As on the budget, you can submit a budget in Euro. We will use an internationally accepted conversion system to convert it to UGX in order to be able to compare the financial proposal with other bids. Prices offered will be evaluated on full cost basis (including all fees and taxes). During the analysis of bids, if bids were not submitted in the required currency, we will convert all bids in Uganda Shillings at the InforEuro rate for the date of bid opening. (See http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts_grants/info_contracts/inforeuro/index_en.cfm