

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE PREPARATION OF A FEASIBILITY STUDY, TENDER DOCUMENTATION AND CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION FOR THE PROPOSED PROPERTY RE-DEVELOPMENT. (TENDER REF NO. NSSF/ONT/RFP/03/2024/25)**

**RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION – DATED 01.10.2024**

This is the response to requests for clarification made by various tenderers as of 01<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

All bidders are advised to take notice of the queries and the responses herein when preparing their bids

**Clarifications Sought and Responses**

- (1) *Does clause 11.1 on page 20 contravene the PPRA Advisory and if so, why? Especially taking cognizance of the [blue](#) highlight in the PPRA Letter*

*PPRA circular Ref. PPRA/6/1/5 VOL. 11 (143) dated 25th July 2023, stated under clause (d) that, whereas the Standard Request for Proposal document allows the Consultant (including the individual members of any Joint Venture) to submit only one Proposal, either in its own name or as part of a Joint Venture in another Proposal, this does not prevent Sub-consultant, or the Consultant's staff from participating as Key Experts and Non-Key Experts in more than one Proposal to enhance competition and equity as per Article 227(1) of the Constitution.*

*[Accounting Officers are therefore required to take this into consideration when amending Standard Request for Proposal Document, Clause 11.1 of the Data Sheet - Appendix to Instruction to Tenderers;](#)*

**Response**

No, Clause 11.1 of the Standard tender document has not been amended by the Procuring Entity

Further, to enhance competition and equity, and to encourage competition from a larger section of service providers, Clause 6.2 of the Data Sheet provides that bids may have subconsultants from professionals in the following disciplines, namely Land Surveying, Interior Design, Landscape Architects, Physical Planners and EIA experts. Key Experts from the above list of subconsultants may participate in more that one bid as per the PPRA provisions.

- (2) *Is there a Form of Tender?*

**Response.**

The tender shall comprise the documents listed in the tender Data Sheet, Clause 10.1 and any supporting/additional documentation that may be listed within the RFP document. These documents include forms TECH-1: Technical Proposal Submission Form and FIN-1: Financial Proposal Submission Form.

- (3) *We request the client to delete the following statement from ITC Clause 6.2 “Consortiums shall have only registered consultancy firms for Architects, Engineers and Quantity Surveyors and Project Managers.” And instead allow it to read as follows .....*

**Response**

The request was evaluated and the and found to be okay as is. The requirement therefore stands. The provisions of the RFP shall remain as issued.

- (4) *Request to change the evaluation criteria in Stage 2: TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS on page 35 of the Tender Document.*

*We request the client only to evaluate the Lead Consultant, in case of Consortiums that shall have subconsultants who are either registered Consultancy Firms or Qualified Individual Experts for Architects, Quantity Surveyors, Civil/Structural, Mechanical and Electrical Engineers, Project Managers, Land surveying, Interior designers, Landscape Architects, Physical Planners, EIA experts.*

**Response**

The Procuring Entity finds no merit in the requested change as the relevant experience and competence of the listed professionals is critical to the envisaged assignment and it must thus be evaluated. The provisions of the RFP shall remain as issued.

Dated 01<sup>st</sup> October 2024  
National Social Security Fund