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Bid Clarification Questions and Answers

Bid No: 2643S

No.	Questions from bidders	City Power responses
1.	Good day, I trust that you are doing well. With reference to Annexure D (Infrastructure Planning & System Design Scenario), we note that the scenario relates to a proposed 42 MVA Data Centre connection in the North Eastern Region of Johannesburg and references existing network infrastructure, including Sebenza Substation, Westfield Substation and Longlake Substation. To ensure a consistent interpretation of the requirements for our submission, we would appreciate clarification on the following: 1. Basis of Design Should bidders develop the proposed solution based on the actual City Power network environment associated with the referenced substations and surrounding area, including route, servitude, environmental and site-specific considerations? Alternatively, should the scenario be treated as a conceptual engineering exercise where reasonable engineering assumptions may be applied, provided that the proposed solution satisfies the functional, operational and technical requirements set out in Annexure D? 2. Design Standards and Network Parameters Where network-specific information has not been provided, should bidders assume typical City Power design standards, planning criteria and network parameters for the purposes of developing the conceptual design? This may include assumptions relating to conductor selection, fault level assessments, protection philosophy, equipment ratings and substation configuration. 3. Evaluation of the Conceptual Design Report Can City Power confirm whether the Conceptual Design Report will be evaluated primarily on the technical suitability,	1. Basis of Design The scenario should be treated as a conceptual engineering exercise where reasonable engineering assumptions may be applied, provided that the proposed solution satisfies the functional, operational and technical requirements set out in Annexure D 2. Design Standards and Network Parameters The bidders should assume typical City Power design standards, planning criteria and network parameters for the purposes of developing the conceptual design. This may include assumptions relating to conductor selection, fault level assessments, protection philosophy, equipment ratings and substation configuration. 3. Evaluation of the Conceptual Design Report The Conceptual Design Report will be evaluated primarily on the technical suitability, completeness and justification of the proposed solution and associated assumptions

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	completeness and justification of the proposed solution and associated assumptions, rather than on alignment with any existing or planned City Power project that may have informed the scenario? Your guidance will assist us in developing submissions that are aligned with City Power's expectations and will promote a consistent interpretation of the scenarios across all submissions.	
2.	Good day, May you please kindly clarify if we do not have to provide CVs of the key personnel at all? The tender documents mentions on the functionality that CVs will not be accepted. If no CVs are required, then how do we prove the key personnels experience? Looking forward to your response.	No CVs will be accepted. The evaluation will be based on the professional registration and qualifications where applicable in accordance with the evaluation criteria.
3.	Good day, I hope you are well. I would like to request clarification regarding the software requirements stipulated under Bid No. 2643S – Provision of Strategic Partners for Engineering Services. Would a Letter of Intent from a software provider confirming our intended access to the required software be acceptable for purposes of the bid submission, or is the bidder required to provide valid and active software licences at the time of submission? Your clarification on this matter would be greatly appreciated.	Only valid Software Licences will be accepted in accordance with the evaluation criteria.
4.	Good day, With reference to your query on item 3, the reference is to common directorship/common ownership for two or three separate companies, i.e. one director = owner of 3 x companies. Can each of these three companies tender under separate streams?	Submitting bids for multiple streams through companies under common ownership is not advisable. While common ownership alone does not trigger an automatic legal disqualification if all entities operate and bid independently, the nature of this setup naturally raises significant legal and procedural risks: • Inference of Coordinated Strategy: Inquiries regarding whether an owner can submit bids across multiple streams strongly suggest an intention to coordinate or allocate streams to maximize success. Under Section 4(1)(b)(ii) of the Competition Act 89 of 1998, any agreement or arrangement between sister

		entities to divide streams or avoid competing against one another constitutes unlawful market allocation. • Failure of Independent Determination: Bidders must sign the mandatory MBD 9 (Certificate of Independent Bid Determination), declaring under oath that their bids were developed independently without coordination, arrangement, or communication with competitors. If the owner is involved in strategizing, pricing, or assigning streams across the entities, signing this certificate constitutes a false declaration, misrepresentation, and procurement fraud. • Severe Administrative Remedies: Once the procuring entity or Supply Chain Management (SCM) committee detects that the bids were planned to optimize the owner's overall outcome, the applications become deeply problematic. Under Municipal SCM Regulation 38 (Combating Abuse of the SCM System), the accounting officer has broad discretionary powers to reject all submitted bids immediately, cancel any resulting contracts, blacklist the companies, and refer the entities to the Competition Commission for collusive tendering. To avoid immediate disqualification, allegations of bid-rigging, and potential blacklisting, it is strongly advised that the owner select a single entity to bid for the relevant stream rather than submitting multiple coordinated applications across sister companies.
5.	Good day, May you please kindly advise if the below point scoring under stream 2 (Master Planning) is correct? Full points are 10 but total is 30.	The scoring is correct. The 10 points represent the score for full team composition, while 30 represents the weighting allocated to this criterion
6.	Good day, We eagerly await response on the following tender queries submitted last week, along with an additional query: 1. Pages 3 & 21-25 of 90: Pricing – please advise on the complete and total price required on these pages as pricing is rate-based? 2. Pages 43-55: OHS – please confirm if signature of the 37(2) agreement is required on tender submission?	1. This is a rates-based bid and bidders are required to complete the BOQ applicable to the stream for which they are bidding. Where a total amount is required in the MBD forms, bidders may state the total amount of the completed BOQ. 2. Yes, bidders shall sign the Section 37(2).