

BID CLARIFICATION RESPONSES
CONTRACT NO. WS 7813



INTRODUCTION:

is Clarification Note is issued in terms of the tender notice issued by eThekweni Municipality for the **Call for Expression of Interest for Private Sector Participation to Finance, Build, Operate and Transfer eThekweni Water And Sanitation Infrastructure Projects.**

PURPOSE OF THE CLARIFICATION NOTE:

The purpose of this Clarification Note is to issue an addendum and/or respond to queries received from the Bidders on and before 18 April 2024, through correspondence in respect of the above-mentioned tender notice issued by the eThekweni Municipality.

BIDDERS QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION AND RESPONSES

	QUERIES	RESPONSE / COMMENT
1	<p>Regarding below extract from the EOI tender document - What information is required as Qualification?</p> <p>“SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS</p> <p>Submissions must be supported by descriptions of similar assignments, experience in similar sector and availability of appropriate skills among staff. Interested Respondents must provide the following information, inter alia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Respondent’s details- Qualifications- Detailed description of experience in similar assignments in the last ten (10) years, indicating the name of the project, country, value of finance raised, description of assignment, period of engagement, client contact details/refences	<p>Bidders are required to submit the experience aligned with their proposals.</p>

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2	Please extend the submission date for 2 weeks minimum. Especially since any clarification would only be posted on 25 April	Final submission date is set for 3 May 2024.
3	What is the anticipated tenure (duration) of the BOT period for the proposed packages?	This is dependent on the bidder's proposal.
4	What sort of arrangement is the municipality proposing during the operation period for successful private partners to recover their investments through billing?	Bidders are encouraged to propose their own cost recovery mechanism for the duration of the proposed long-term project/service while ensuring alignment with the project/service's objectives and feasibility.
5	Are there any guarantees to be provided by the municipality to ensure that the private partners get value out of the infrastructure developments or upgrades?	Not at this stage, since it's an expression of interest. This information will be available during the next stages of the engagement.
6	Can each member of a consortium submit their own individual EOI and then later respond to individual Requests for Proposals (RfP) as a consortium with the make-up of the consortium determined by the requirements of each RfP and scope of works? Or, must the consortium as a whole respond to this EOI?	A consortium/joint venture can submit a single proposal.
7	If we respond as a consortium can we later add additional members if the scope of work of individual RfPs require that?	Yes
8	I am asking for information concerning the attached EOI. Can you please explain more what is require Are you looking for investors for EOI or can we apply so we can provide our services and products for projects on offer?	As highlighted in section 2.1 Project Scope "The proposed projects encompass the development, operation, and maintenance of advanced water supply systems, modern sanitation facilities, and innovative wastewater treatment solutions within eThekweni Municipality" based on objectives listed in Section 6, Key Scope of the Partnership".

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<p>9</p>	<p>Bidders is keen to show interest in this project and based on submission requirements, are we allowed to submit a word document expressing our interest in the tender as well as showing list of resources and the experience in relation to the following assignments.</p> <p>Functional upgrades to water and waste water treatment plants Capacity upgrades to water and waste water treatment plants Functional upgrades to pump stations New sewer bulk scheme including truck mains, pump stations and associated Infrastructure Condition assessment, rectifications and upgrading of aqueduct and outfalls Trunk mains replacement to various waste water treatment works Water trunk mains and reticulation mains replacement Sewer truck mains and reticulation mains replacement SCADA upgrade to water and waste water infrastructure Water leak detection and repairs Water demand management, monitoring, analysis and reporting Installation and replacement of water meters</p>	<p>Submission can be both hardcopy and USB, with PDF documents. Email submissions are not permitted.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Must the submission be a hard copy (printed) or provided on a USB, or both? Will online submissions be permitted i.e. via email</p>	<p>Submission can be both hardcopy and USB. Email submissions are not permitted.</p>