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**CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR uMWP-1: SMITHFIELD DAM AND ASSOCIATED
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR 95 MONTHS**

Dear Bidder,

TCTA acknowledges receipt of the requests for clarification listed in the attached table. The response to each request for clarification is provided in the attached table.

Yours faithfully

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NO.	REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION	TCTA RESPONSES
1	In Clarification Notice 1: Ref: 013/2022/PMID/UMWP-1/RFB NOTICE 1, under point 17, it was stated that sub-consultants will not earn points for company experience. Please clarify: Will sub-consultants' staff be eligible for scoring points as key staff under Personnel Experience for functionality?	Please note the correct reference is 012/2023/PMID/INFRASTRUCTURE/RFB NOTICE 2, Point 18, not Point 17 in Notice 1. The bidder's proposed staff/personnel to execute the Services will be evaluated per Stage 3: Functionality. A consultant (a single company) could have an arrangement to supplement their staff/personnel from any other consultant(s) and/or be a joint venture / consortium/ sub-consultants and these will be eligible for scoring points for specific roles in the project.
2	Scope of Services: Clause 3.1.2.2 (1): Environmental Plans: Biodiversity Offsets and Compensation Plan (DFFE) The Scope of Services refers to "A detailed Biodiversity Offset and Compensation Study" that was undertaken previously. Is it possible to have this report issued as part of the reference documents provided with the Request for Bids, as this likely contains considerable information that will assist in the pricing of this bid?	Please note the correct reference is Section 3.1.2.3 (1), not 3.1.2.2 (1). Yes, the report contains considerable and important information about the Project's biodiversity offset and compensation. We have provided the link to the website with all the reports and documents under Section 1.6 Reference Material from Previous Studies (Appendix 1: Scope of Services), which includes the requested/specified report.
3	Agreement: Appendix 3: Remuneration and Payment: Clause 2: Price Changes (Escalation) It is noted that Clause 2 refers to CPI in the calculation of escalation through the project. It is our experience that CPI in general over recent years does not keep pace with real salary increases demanded by the engineering sector. We therefore request that TCTA consider revising this to a higher value, suggested to be CPI + 2%.	There is no validated statistics to support the suggested escalation of CPI+2% by the Department: Statistics South Africa or other relevant independent organisation(s) or institution(s). Therefore, we cannot change the escalation as suggested.
4	Closing Data and Time We note with thanks the extension to 19 January 2024. However, since this extension period extends over the year-end break, where may service providers have closed their offices, it is requested that consideration be given to a further 2-week extension of this tender?	Please note the correct closing date for this bid is 2 February 2024, not 19 January 2024 - refer to Addendum No. 3 (dated 20 November 2023). The December 2023 shut-down period was considered when determining the extension above. Regrettably no further extension can be granted due to critical Project milestones.