RFP140/2026: Written Responses to Clarification Questions Raised During the Compulsory Briefing Session

Q1: Are international firms eligible to participate in this tender?

- Yes. The tender is open to both local and international firms. However, international bidders are required to register on the **Central Supplier Database (CSD)** and comply with all applicable tender requirements including SAQA requirements for qualifications of proposed resources
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- Where an international qualification has not yet been evaluated by SAQA, bidders must provide proof that the qualification has been submitted to SAQA for evaluation. Acceptable evidence includes a SAQA acknowledgement of receipt, application reference number, or other written confirmation from SAQA that the evaluation process is underway. The final SAQA evaluation outcome is not required at bid submission stage; however, proof of submission must be provided.

Q2: Does the scope include full implementation support, such as detailed financial modelling, legal structuring, funder negotiations, and transaction documentation?

Response: The primary focus of the assignment is the design and operationalisation of the Just Transition Financing Mechanism (JTFM), including the development of the institutional architecture, governance arrangements, investment strategy, financial architecture, pricing framework, operational manual, and implementation roadmap. Engagement with potential funders is anticipated as part of the design phase to support the long-term sustainability of the mechanism.

Q3: Are there any existing pipeline projects that will inform the design of the JTFM? Response:

Preliminary opportunities have been identified through ongoing just transition initiatives. . Additional project opportunities are expected to emerge from parallel PCC-led initiatives, including the Social Ownership of Renewable Energy (SORE), Partnership Implementation Model (PIM) and economic diversification workstreams. The appointed consultant will be expected to engage with and draw on relevant outputs from these initiatives. Any existing opportunities should be viewed as indicative rather than a predefined pipeline. The appointed consultant will be expected to engage with relevant stakeholders, review available pipeline information where applicable and programme outputs, and use these insights to inform the design of the JTFM, including its investment strategy, eligibility criteria, financing instruments, and pipeline development approach.

Q4: What is meant by “communities” in the context of the JTFM? Does this refer to specific geographic areas?

Response: No. The term “communities” is intended broadly and is not restricted to specific geographic locations. Rather, it refers to a range of stakeholders that may be adversely affected by, or require support to participate in, South Africa’s transition to a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy. Potential beneficiaries may include community-based organisations, cooperatives, workers, SMMEs, women-led and youth-led enterprises, trade unions, and other vulnerable groups affected by South Africa’s transition to a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy. The mechanism is intended to have national applicability, with the specific target beneficiary groups and their financing needs to be further refined through the diagnostic and design process undertaken as part of this assignment.

Q5: Is an indicative budget available for the assignment?

Response: No. As this is a competitive tender process, DBSA will not disclose an indicative budget. Bidders are expected to develop and submit their financial proposals as part of the next stage of the procurement process, based on their assessment of the scope and requirements of the RFP.