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**Ref: WP11571: APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR UNDERTAKING
GROUNDWATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF REGIONAL AQUIFER UNITS
STUDY IN SIXTY FIVE (65) HYDROGEOLOGICAL REGIONS OF SOUTH AFRICA FOR A
PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS**

BID NO AND DESCRIPTION: WP11571

QUESTIONS RAISED BY PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS AND THE ANSWERS. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question	Response
Who had done the Pilot study?	An internal DWS study undertaken a pilot
Why was a karst catchment chosen for the pilot study seeing as the dolomites are a unique aquifer type, with many attributes not applicable to other catchment aquifer types?	That Region 10 project was initiated more than three years ago to assess and identify groundwater target areas for further development within the dolomitic systems. While dolomitic systems present unique hydrogeological characteristics, bidders are expected to propose innovative approaches that will support the delineation of other hydrogeological regions to regional aquifer units.
While the PSP is required to identify and address data gaps, the document does not specify whether primary field data collection (e.g., new hydrogeological field testing, hydrocensus, or sampling) is expected or if the work relies solely on secondary/existing data. Given the extent of the study, I assume reliance on existing data will be critical, but I would like to verify this with you.	The study does not require any field data collection activities. Only existing/available data from different databases would have to be collated.
Another consideration with a large potential impact on pricing, is the local stakeholder engagements across 65 regions. Do you have a number or range of local stakeholder engagements across the 65 regions that	Under Study Governance, the Terms of Reference highlights the Study Administration Management, Technical Support Group and Study Steering

you consider appropriate?	Committee.
The tender specifies "Business Requirements and Design Specifications" for a DST, noting that software development is out of scope. What level of software architecture detailing or mock-up functionality is expected in these specification manuals?	The task includes stipulating business requirements and specifications that are essential for the development of a decision support tool that include the capability to integrate or incorporate both spatial and digital datasets.
Is it permissible for an individual specialist to serve on and be included in more than one bid submission?	Bids will be evaluated strictly in accordance with the requirements and evaluation criteria contained in the tender documents. Bidders are therefore required to prepare their submissions in line with the Terms of Reference (ToR). The Department cannot provide guidance that alters or extends the requirements of the issued tender documentation. Bidders must also ensure full compliance with SBD 4 and all applicable declarations and undertakings contained therein.